

John April 23

Meilo April 27th — 1850

I rec^d your letter yesterday.

I have sold four Bbs of flour, and there is four more left besides one that C B Smith borrowed.

Forest Turner paid me for what he had. Mr. Rich had a barrel, said he would pay as soon as he got money for some hay he had to sell.

Hay is very scarce, worth \$18, by the ton, and retails for \$1.00 per cent. lbs. I shall probably sell 1½ tons and perhaps more.

Gould asks \$6.37½ for flour, says he buys a better Brand than yours is, I thought it would not be best to rise, unless it rises at Bangor, as it would fall some here, when the traveling gets better.

We rec^d a letter from Warren and one from Helen this week, they expected the letters would get here before father started.

Mr. Macomber has lost his Office. Did that ————— on.

I commenced harrowing yesterday.

I will put you a bag of Praties, and if I can't coax Capt. Cutts to carry them down I will get Gould to, the next time he goes.

To Bell.

I suppose I must answer
some of your questions, well the first
on the pepper log was, whether or not
I am too busy to come down after you,
(I think I am.) Secondly how is the traveling,
(rather bad.) Thirdly all mnd, (guess it is unless
it baked yesterday) fourthly (whether i've got a
hired man) I have, fifthly ^{and lastly} (is Mary at our house)
she is not, she went home last Sunday,
and being chosen queen for the first day
of May, she has been very busy about getting ready.
The girls here have invited the boys to
a Picnick ball, to be had at the hall
on Wed the 1st day of May at 5 o'clock P.M.
requested me to be sure and come
home in season to attend it
they were going to write to you if I
had not,
Excuse the gramatical mistakes, for
I am in an awful hurry)

P.S. I was afraid I should not get John P. J.
to the mills before the stage had gone, but your note
up in a hurry may be some help only I have just read a letter
from father to Macomber he was at Buf when he wrote
he said Plam had advanced & he says the Buffalonian, say that the

ambit to come forward is mostly small, if you want me to
use on your plom, send word by Bell

Dear Brother,

Milo. June. 1st 1850.

I rec^d your letter dated May 27th
in due season.

The mistake I made in my last letter came
into my mind soon after it had gone,
but circumstances being as they were, I
thought it would not be necessary to write
on that account.

Have not heard any-thing from the flour.
All the money that is due for flour now
is for the barrel that Hamlin had.

Could said he rec^d no pay at Browns
for hauling praties, so I paid him, price \$8.25
I finished sowing yesterday. It has been
very wet here this spring, many folks
have hardly begun to sow.

Our corn has been up about one week,
potatoes are beginning to come up.

We have got 7 little pigs & 12 lambs &
George Knowls worked here 16½ days
which about paid that note.

Mr. E. W. makes it her home here at present
Is Mr. Swallow at Hampden or Bangor now?

John B. Barber.

John June 1st

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Nilo May 14th 1850

Dear Brother

I intended to have sent this money Sat., but the stage started sooner than usual, thus I missed it. I have not heard anything from the stolen flour yet, don't think I shall unless it is found by Search. warrants. I rather think (as does the Miller) that it went down stream.

Some one tried to break in last to the Grist mill last Tuesday night. I have sold all the flour that remained and rec^d pay for all sold except one Bbl that Hamlin had and two dollars due on a Bbl that Mr. Rich had.

Abel Goff died day or two ago.

Mr Hamlin has been laid up with the Rheumatism about a week.

Mr Temple is going to stay here three weeks longer.

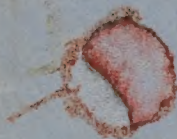
Mehitable is going to Layyrange¹ meeting school in two weeks from yesterday, has \$2.00 per week & boarded.

I shall wind up farming about tomorrow.

J. P. Furber with time \$31.00 with care, the odd quarter I'll send soon.

John May 14

B. 31, or for S. W. G. w. l. e. d.



Farmington July 24. 1857

Dr. Sir,

I rec^d a letter from your Father dated Apr 20 - last,
at Milb, in which he informs me that he should leave
in two days & stop at your house in Hampden two weeks,
I think. I rec^d the letter in about 3 days after writing
I immediately wrote him at your place. saying to him
that if he would let me know about the day he & family
would be in Boston I would visit him there, after
waiting about 3 weeks I went to the City having business there
about that time, but could ^{hear} nothing from him neither by
Feb. March nor from any other source & strange to say
have not to this time, I have been delaying writing
you till now expecting a letter from you or your Father
every Mail, I shall expect to hear from you soon with all
the particulars of your folks moving west. are you going?
Our family are all in pretty good health, except I have been
for a few days troubled with a lame back suppon it to be
rheumatism. am not able to do much, which makes it bad
at this busy time of haying, Hay is abundant. & crops of every
kind look well. indian corn is short but think we shall have
a pretty good crop, Shall we see you to New Hampshire this
season? if you should conclude to go west I hope you will
not forget & come & see us before you leave, I very much
regret I could not have ^{had} the opportunity of seeing your Father &
family but if they are gone, probably I shall meet them again,
your friend & kinsman J. W. Tucker

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Uncle John Furber

July 1851



Cottage Grove ^{20th} Decr, 1850

Brother Samuel

Yours of Dec., was received
two days since, was glad to hear from
you, was not aware that it had been
so long since I had written you -
I have written very often of late, but I
believe on reflection that my letters
have all been directed to Milo, I suppose
I do not always realize the fact that
you are not there. I generally intend
to be punctual in my correspondence
but am perhaps sometimes negligent,
the fact is I am getting to ^{have} less and
less time to write unless I keep Kate
house, Sarah's health is very poor this
winter, and our little girl has been
quite unwell for the last three or four
months, has been more troublesome
than when she was a babe. Circumstan-
ces which require much of my care and
attention, my health is as good as usual
this winter, Theo. and Helen, also Olive
and little one are all well

You say that father means to sell in good earnest, but do not know what he intends doing; he writes us that he is determined upon coming to Minnesota, if he sees I hope he will, wish you could believe it for your interest to come to, wish you would come out in the spring and pass a visit if it is but a flying one, think you would be amply paid for your time and trouble

I am endeavouring to build me a comfortable house expect to finish it by June next if I do not paint, should I paint, shall not get into it until fall, will cost me about \$800, above the foundation, or wall, when it is completed it will be paid for, I have already paid out since I came on to this place over six hundred dollars in cash aside from my house \$200, for land \$280, for team and wagon, about \$200, lost in lumbering the year before I came here

I made quite a raise last fall my per diem while in the Legislature (fifty days) was \$360, expended about \$50,

I do not now recollect the exact amt
of money then sent in Theophilus Howard
which father made as a present of.
have been under the impression that
I gave father the amt soon after it
was disbursed, however Theophilus says
that he gave him the amt - about
that time also that he went father
about four weeks since and
gave the amt again, I think it
was about \$186, and some cents
perhaps

When you go to Niles remember
me to my old friends, Melan Hill
Col. Lee and wife and your wife's
family in particular would like
to see them once more

Lucas and the little ones send
them love to each other,
Kiss Lucy for me and if she is
not satisfied with that if she will
come out here I will do it in
person

J. W. Furber

Yours
J. W. Furber

J. W. Furber Jan 28

Cottage Grove Feb. 23rd /50

Booth Sam.

I received a letter from
you a few days since, it
seemed that you had at that time
received no letter from me since
April, there must have been
some mistake somewhere, as
I certainly have written you since
then, I wrote you about four
weeks since, which you have
probably received ere this

The mail goes out to day
and I have not time to write
but will do so soon, all
well at present,

Regards to Lucy

Yours truly
J. W. Furbush

J. W. Furber Feb 23

Cottage Grove July 15th 1850

Dear Brother

Your letter of Oct 1st 1849 was received four days since, where the delay it had been for more than nine months is more than I can understand.

Your note of the 21st of April was received while father was here, in which you said you would write me more fully in a short time, but as yet I have not heard anything further from you.

Received another five days since from father in which there is not much of importance.

We are now in our new house find it rather pleasant, and I find it is about time that we have some more convenient house, for we are getting crowded upon our house that require much and careful attention, We have an addition of a boy to our number of children, will be three weeks old on Thursday next the 19th.

Ellen's mother and sister have been with her ten days, the old lady I believe is rather disappointed.

since father left me we have had a very
wet and warm weather, for the week last past
the mercury has stood at about 95° in the
shade at noon, every thing is growing
rapidly and finely, I have a fine field of
corn in my garden that was planted
about the 25th of May, and it has been in
full silk for a week, I should suppose to
form present appearances that it might
be ripe in about four weeks more.

I have been very busy in finishing
my house all the fore part of the season, and
am now cutting my hay, my grain harvest
will come on in about two weeks, and
our fall electoraneous campaign is just
opening, expect to be mixed up in it
to some extent, after the canoe is over
I will give you the details

I have been mowing to day, and it
is now between 9 and 10 O'clock in the evening
and I must bid you good night

Say to Lucy that we expect to see her
out here before many years, I think she
must have her hands full to take care
of all her children, cows, pigs and
chickens, you should be very attentive
and help to rock the cradle

Remember me to all my friends
there are many of them I should like to
see

Joseph H. Tucker

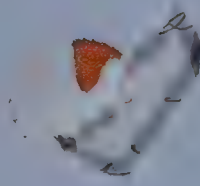


J W Furber July 20

Since
J W Furber J W

College Grove)
Missouri)
July 20th)

J W Furber Esq
~~Mr~~ Barre Maine



Cottage Grove Oct 10th 1850

Thursday Evening

Dear Sir

I suppose you would like to know that those five frames were received, Well they came to hand about two weeks since, not in good order however, they were all three of them broken, Radkell's was broken square across the cap, can be strapped my two were both broken in the fronts, I have managed however to set them, I think they had been roughly handled, but in the first place were badly packed, was not packing enough between the plates, they bore upon each other, and that was all, I am however exceedingly glad to receive mine even as they are, they are an new article in the west, I wonder that our western farmers do not cast them, I think many of them would be used, if they could be obtained conveniently, mine are much admired. The charges are the low, when they arrived at Saint Joseph were only \$9.45

Received of the firm of J. H. & Co. for the same
also one from J. H. & Co. for much more
This is from J. H. & Co. as in evidence

We have just received a very pleasant
visit from Mr Gasfield and
family (Wife and one daughter), from
Ohio, Mrs Gasfield and Sarah are
Sisters, had not seen each other
for about eight years, Mr Gasfield
lives in Chillicothe is worth from
\$30 to \$35,000.00 his income from
bank stock is about \$1,600.00 income
on bookkeeping business from \$12 to
\$1,500.00 the he keeps no office as a
broker, owned a good farm
within one mile of the city on which
he lives worth from \$8 to 10,000.00
then spent ten days with us, left
last Monday

We have had a most delightful
fall, the potato crop is the only
light crop we have, and that is rather
I raised about 100 bush. from 7 bush.
Seed a part of which were somewhat
rotten when I dug them, have not
rated any since

Theodore commenced plowing his
new meadow next with two teams
for you, I seeded down the grass
this spring, I aced directly east of
my first piece of timothy, will
seed down two or three acres, now
in the spring directly North if you
wish it, that piece grass is no
go

Money is tight yet, still the mill
hole lumber from \$11 to \$12

I raised a fine lot of pumpkins
in my garden, but they are rotting
badly and in order to save
some of them I have been cutting
and drying, I have my North
front room well furnished
at this time I can assure you,

Almost every good location
in this township is now taken
up, on this side of the timber there is
but one vacant 80 between
Morris and Patten, on the West
side there is not one acre along
the timber that is vacant

I have not seen Judge Meeker
since he returned, He has
however sent me word that
he wants that 40, When I see
him if he wants it enough to
fork over \$500 for a deed he
can have one

I think it would be well
to have this east 40 entered,
I think of preempting the 80 be-
-tween me covering the Lake and a
small strip on the West side of it
I expect I can preempt, if so
it will give me a year to pay in,
I am beginning to think that
this 80 may be thought by some
are valuable

Should I enter I presume that
I can get \$50 back by letting the barren
place to the water

J. W. Furber Oct

We had a call yesterday from the Rev. Mr. Hall the Presbyterian Minister had just arrived had a family of a wife only, a young man & very good address, and appearing he supplied this place and St. Davids only, proposed to hold forth in each place, each Sabbath, or politically speaking, Sundays.

I believe I have had engaged to board him and his lady @ \$4. per week, Will he not have quite a house full of women and not any children to comfort them, Well as troublesome as my children are I think I would as soon have my house filled with them as with any others.

Our folks here are all well as usual Estella is almost always well so long as she can romp and run, Ansell's health has been better for the last three weeks than it has been since spring, I think as cold weather comes on she will improve, the little boy has not yet got a name, but has had the offer of many, is yet very troublesome, is not well but grows quite well, think if he had a healthy mother, that he would be a good boy.

Joseph W. Furber

Cottage Grove April 18th 1851
Since I last wrote you I have been
to the Land Office at Stillwater and
made application to purchase one
of the pieces that Smith had covered
by Land warrant, but I found
that to make my application good
the money must be deposited with
the receiver otherwise the applicati-
on could not go on record, not being
able to deposit the money I have
had to let it rest

I expect Smith here in
the course of three or four weeks
and I am of the opinion that he
will be ready to arrange the matter
satisfactorily, as he must be fully
aware that he never can get a
title to the two pieces upon which
I have improvements, by his
Land warrant. If disposed
however he might withdraw the location
of his warrant and enter with the
money.

When I last wrote you I made an
allusion to the probability of my being
absent from home for a year or two
to come, those probabilities however
have become as one of the things that
have, I remain at home

I shall direct this to Bangor,
and shall visit again in about
ten days, and direct to Chicago.

Our families and friends
here are all well till

Joseph P. Church

Warren Apr. 18

Mehitable Feb 10

Sunday morn. Feb 10th 1850.

Sister Lucy

It is very rainy today, and I suppose there will be no meeting. I was dreaming all last night about letters, which put me in mind when I awoke that I ought to write to you. I believe I am getting rather negligent about writing it seems quite a task to sit down and write a letter. But I will endeavor to write enough at least to still the voice of conscience which has been upbraiding me for a long time.

I have been keeping school seven weeks, have had a vacation of one week to be sick in, am now quite well. I do not know how much longer my school will be, I like very well much better than when I kept before, still I have some trials, but perhaps they are no greater than are to be met with in almost any situation of life. I believe there is no crisp or enjoyment but what has bitter drops mixed with it - least I have always found it so. I have an excellent boarding place at Mrs. Smiths. I feel perfectly at home here and I could never be contented where I did not. I did not go home yesterday afternoon, it rained some and I was very busily engaged mending a green jacket for Mr. Smith, it was terribly torn and Mary had to hand it over to the old maid! she thinks it a great wonder that a young girl like me should like to mend; but I do if I can get something that is badly torn.

We received a letter from Warren last week, his family were not very well, he says if I will go out and

spend the summer with him he will pay my expenses out, what think
you of it? I guess I shall not go till we move. I do not dare to think of
moving much. sometimes I dream of starting, of leaving all the friends and
associations of childhood, and I wake sad and dispirited, but I trust
that if we go the ~~real~~ pain of the real parting will not equal the
imaginary one.

Mr Jones is going to Hollowell to preach, he will have
the pastoral care of a church, he has \$500 per year. I believe he starts
in about three weeks, will not move his family till warm weather
I suppose there will be no preaching here for the present. I do not
know what this place is coming to, rum and gambling triumph
over every thing. How does John prosper? I suppose his term is nearly
out. When are you coming to Nils? I want to see you. Have you been
to Palmira? if so how did you like the folks? I hear that Joseph is
on his way home, and no better. poor man I pity him. I suppose you
will call this a short letter, but I am getting cold and hungry.
I should like to come and see you after my school closes, but think likely
the traveling will be too bad. There is a man here taking miniatures, I have
not seen any of his specimens but understand they are very nice.
Perhaps I'll get mine to leave with you when I go West. Mr Haskell has
sold his farm to Mr Buswell. Write soon would you. Good by.
M. H. L. L.

Wethersfield June 16

In Orange June 16th /50

Dear Anne,

Here I am in Sath Orange, the last place that I would have believed (when I told you this spring) that I should pass the summer in. How little do we know of the future. How happy for us that it is hid from us. I am very well contented here, much better than I expected to be, I have a very pleasant school of about forty scholars, have about a dozen girls from 12 to 15 years of age that by my patience some they are not ugly but they do hate to study - and it is trying to have to keep talking to girls of their size. I can have a great deal more patience with the smaller ones. I have five Caver children they have been set off into this district among the rest is that same Edward I have heard you tell so much about; he is certainly as uneasy as a child conveniently can be but I do not discover anything ugly about him. I board with the widow Herick, the next house below Mr. Gullers and about half a mile from the school house, it is a very good boarding place, no children, a new house, and very pleasantly situated.

There is preaching here once in four weeks by Mr. Trout of Bradford, which is all the meeting they have. I suppose that John is at Hampden ere this, wait to hear

from him. Father and Mary E. came down to see me the
next day after ^{he} I got home, yep I was a little bit glad to see em.
was very sorry to hear that you had been sick. Hope you have
got well ere this, I went up home last Saturday, and father has
promised to come after me again in about four weeks, I keep
school every other Saturday. I can go home Friday night and so
make quite a visit; I do wish I had those books I didn't get when
at your house, have you read any more of David Copperfield?
if so, report progress when you write will you?

Yr affec. son

told y ou all about our farm in Minnesota. I can not realise
that we are to go so soon. I went in imagination the other
night and was very homesick; but "I'm always go & contraries"
you know. I have some idea of coaxing father to leave me
on the farm if he does not sell. Think Rose and I could manage
it? by the way Rose came down to see me when father did
and I could keep him out of the schoolhouse which
pleased the youngsters much. My school will close the
16th of August if it keeps but eleven weeks. ~~but~~ I have
got some acquainted with the Benders, very pleasant people.

Write soon as you receive this. Want you the mail does
not go but once a week from here, goes down Tuesday
and up Wednesday, so I shall have to wait till next
week for an answer be sure not to disappoint me then
make John write too if you see him. I want to know what
Grammy is doing. Give my love to Marm Crosby and
Marggy. have you got that box made? Yours affec. L. Bell Barker

La Grange July 11th 1860

Dear Sir,

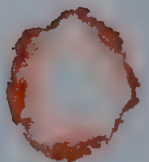
I have just come off the train
for a visit to the lake. I have been before I have
done so before. I am so tired that I forget it. I will
leave it for you to do as I have no one suitable
a quilt being sent for that I suppose -

I received your letter
a long time after it was written. But it was nevertheless
very acceptable. I am so tired that I cannot write more readily.

I did hope to go home last night but
it did not remain the rest of the week, but the weather
not permitting, was obliged to wait till Saturday night
had a nice visit. Mary and Henry brought me home
Monday morning. Henry and Henry have been up to
Milton and will be there tonight. I might have come down
and seen you. I suppose your health was not good and
am very sorry to hear that you will not be so far
away. Mary has for the last year left her mother and
friends. I hope she will always remain with you. The
people here seem to be very kind but the ideas of some
of them seem to be very high. The top
scaffold in the town is the highest of any
in the world. I am so tired that I cannot expect to see
home and in the end of the day we may
be disappointed. I am so tired that I cannot expect
it or no.

Mémorable July

to George
Jefferson



Mr. Van der Burgh

Albany

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Sunday night, 6-6th, 1850

Meritabel Act

to be any different from mine except in the length of the waist and sleeves, I stuffed one of my ~~stuffed~~ dresses to try mine on to when I was knitting it. & Gabel colored the yarn for me he got a first-rate color — there will be about 24 skeins of worsted left, and there will be some yarn left do you suppose I could work them into a hood? I shall need one and if it is not very pretty it will answer, I have been afflicted with the jumping tooth-ache a little while most every day for about three weeks. I ~~thot~~ I knew what the tooth-ache was before but I never had anything that half equals this while it lasts. I went to the doctor yesterday to have it out but he was not at home don't know as I can muster courage enough to go again, 'tis so dark I can't see the lines so good night

Dear mother, We recd your letter last night and must have our own little to send you this evening. I shall send you \$18.00 dollars for your school money which I have just recd, shall in all probability want it till to spring. How shall I send you a jacket given, where it is now? I should think you would need it soon. I will finish it this week.

Julia Sturtevant and Henry Gabel into a marriage is about a week I think going to live in the Wy house. His wife Mr Hartwell has been very sick ever since he came home from the convention. Had a letter from Harrois last week, all well except the boy. He is

Saturday eve. Dec 7th 1856.

Probably if I had been "severely talked to" it would have made me so contrary that I should not write at all but as I do not consider myself thus reprimanded, I will endeavor to report to your satisfaction.

I have been at home one week, had a fine time at the Institute; boarded with Mrs. Woodbury formerly Lizzy Tower, they live opposite Eben Greeley's, a very pleasant family. Mr. Tower has changed situations with Mr. Stevens who keeps the boarding-house at Foxcroft - expects to move to the village soon - Mary is in Charleston Mass.

Prof Shepard delivered three lectures before the institute, very interesting indeed, preached Sabbath day in the academy - Mr. Eames (poor weak mortal!) undertook to find fault with his lectures, probably they were too deep for his comprehension, I suppose you remember the "young maidens and their beloved's"; which were so pathetically spoke of at the picnic! Margrett Crosby and her brother were at the institute a few days, she is a good girl, isn't she? Mr. Parker was President, what a funny man he is sometimes! We were reading one of Mrs. Caudle's curtain lectures one day; Mr. Humphrey told the ladies to read it in concert, yes said Mr. Parker "the women will make that go!"

Did you know that Harriet Chamberlaine was dead? she was married and lived in Dover, had a miserable husband. They have a new Freewill Baptist meeting house in Dover - The congregationalist society are going to build one near the academy, where Mrs Greelings house stood.

Our new minister, in the shape (not of a partridge) but of Mr. Partridge was here to day, he appears very well, but is not such a man as Mr. Wilson.

I recd a letter a short time since from Eliza Hayes of Farmington, in answer to one that I wrote to Mrs. Chandler. Eliza was boarding there and attending the institute - Aunt Page died at Rochester a few weeks since she was the last of the family, Uncle Jonathan Wingate of Parsonsfield died in November - aged 92, he also was the last of that family - The rest of our friends there are well as usual. Youngman Furber was just one year from the time he started in reaching California, do not know how he has prospered since he got there.

We have recd no letter from Olive since last spring, what can be the reasons that she dont write? Have recd two from Warren this week, our folks are all well - two Clara Willson (Mr. Halls sister) died a short time since after an illness of about two days. Theodore boards the minister and his lady, Mrs Hale and Emma are there, they have a house full of women - Warren says that Governor Leamsay is very anxious for

him to go to Washington this winter, and that if he does not receive something there to pay him for his expenses, that he will see the bills footed. Harven wrote that if he went it would be necessary for him to start very soon, and he did not see how he could leave home at so short notice if he goes we shall expect him here on his way back.

How does your jacket-fit Seney? or haven't you tried it on yet? I knit a hood and comforter out of the leavings, took the liberty to knit up every bit of your worsted! I have made me a nice warm shawl, got Mrs Hamlin to weave it and Etchel to color it wine color - have commenced a hearthrug don't know when I shall get a chance to finish it - have got the rose and trimmings done, is very pretty. I drew that figure that you had on that piece of paper - have made me a new dress this week, plain waist - looks first-rate - I propose to work Gammy a pair of slippers some time this winter like some Mrs Everett has been working for Charles, they are very handsome, I suppose you will have no objections. Seney will you? Father has just brought out the bass-viol and that "Ancient Harmony" Palmost - wish every one of those tunes was annihilated! He sang from the Dulcimer at the institute, there are some excellent tunes in it - Mr Moorrell is teaching singing school there, has about sixty scholars, they make some music I assure you - Mr Hartwell does not get any better as we can perceive think it very doubtful if he ever does - Theophilus Gorgeant and Abby Collins (Mrs Hartwell's sister) are published.

~~invaluable~~ ^{invaluable} ~~see~~
What are you going to have for Thanksgiving? I wish you had one
of our turkeys! Perhaps Father will come down with a load if it is good
sleighing, though I should judge from the sounds now issuing from
the viol that whoever made them would not be able to go out again
very soon. How does John prosper in his school? I feel very anxious for him
I have not yet forgotten the first school I taught, though I trust he is more
pleasantly situated, you must give him all the good advice you can.

Mr. Samuel W. Barber.

Bungay.

Maine.

Monday. It was cold and threatening yesterday; very good to me
I think as I shall be in it very well. I shall expect a letter from
Devery soon as she is able to write to me.

Mother is yet quite lame I cannot see that she has gained any for the
last three weeks, she has a bed in the kitchen the baby could not sleep
up stairs this winter. What about David Copperfield? Has it all been
published? I think you cannot in conscience ask me to write another
letter for at least one month.
When are you coming to Niles? Is Samuel going into the woods this winter.

This is horrid writing, but I trust you will excuse it, I have been
knitting some of the queerest-looking stockings, you ever saw - with brown
that is very clumsy connected with the subjects, but the stockings are not
clumsy knit - Give my love to Margaret, and to Ann, and to see her -

May 14th.

What a beautiful morning, isn't it? It really seems like summer. Mary & I are here, - just we shall go maying by and by. - The people all thought I had gone to Minnesota when I went to Hamfield, wish they had not found out to the contrary. Mr. Lane started to come after me to take the school in the Hamfield district, when he got to the village he was informed that I had gone west, so he went back, 'tis just as well I should not have wanted to keep there - We have not heard from Father since he was at Mr. Birgates. John had a long letter from him written while there, I believe. He lost Miles Carver in Boston, he went to Mary Lykes in Worcester, she is getting along well, has five of the prettiest children he ever saw, her husband sent her a thousand dollars from California last winter, Lucy Gould & her husband are saving every cent so they say to emigrate to the West with, Father says Gould appears to be a fine man. Mrs. Hale and Emily had not got along - we saw Mr. Haskell in New York, he is going right up where the boys are - Mr. Temple will probably stay he three weeks longer. I believe he is liked very much, he lived in the island of Malta.

till he was twenty years old. Hannah Brown that was - is but just
alive - Mr Hatch from Freechange came here Saturday after me to
keep the school at the corner, it was some time ^{ago} before I could
make up my mind to go into the town again, - but the "abnighly
dollar" - two of em a week overcame my scruples - and I told the man
I would go - the school will commence week from next Monday -
continue eleven or twelve weeks - I have been half repentant ever
since - but will try and make the best of it - I hope you will
write often, you know what a remedy letters are to the diseased
organ of Inhabitiveness. When are you coming up? wish you would
come before I go away - What is the prospect now of Samuel's getting
work? want to hear - good bye.

Bill Tucker.

Cottage Grove, June 2nd 1851.

Dear brother Samuel,

I intended to have written to you ere this, but have neglected it, I suppose though that father has kept you informed of our proceedings. we got here safe, but not very sound, two weeks ago, yesterday, our journey across Illinois was very tiresome and very lengthy, the roads were horrid - the rest of the journey I enjoyed very much, we met Theodore and Heileman at Point Douglas, they were expecting us I hardly knew Theodore at first, he is as bald as you are. I have been trying to persuade him to get a scratch - Monday we all went over to Olive's. we found her with two babies, the youngest is now seven weeks old I think - her oldest, Helen is the dearest little creature you ever saw, looks very much like her mother and Mary E. wish you could see her, she jabbars all the time but I cannot understand much she says. Olive looks just as she used to, only perhaps a little older, she seems very happy, but I do not think that I have heard her laugh - well I suppose there's no sense in laughing, but I do enjoy it vastly sometimes - but I cannot find anything here very often to laugh at? or else I'm so homesick that nothing will please me - however I feel quite as well contented on the whole as I expected to, but sometimes I have such longings for my home and native land - and when I think how widely we are separated - how can I help being homesick? Our goods have not yet arrived we see a letter from Chicago today dated June 4th they had not got there then - we need them very much we expect a cook-stove this week, soon as it comes we shall put it in the log house, cook and eat there, and have one more here to sit in - will not be very convenient - but better than to cook over the same stove with Sarah, she is very kind, but to have three noisy children under ones feet is not very pleasant - I should like for you to have the training of the two girls awhile, mother was over to Olive's three or four days last week they brought her home yesterday - Theodore and Emily were here, we had

a fine sing, wish you could have joined us, or rather, wish we could have
joined you, for I don't think you would be contented here or would better
your circumstances by coming, and much as I should like to live near you
I could, I regret not be so selfish as to advise you to come while I thought it
would be to your disadvantage, though I am not a competent judge
in the matter of acquiring property - but I do not see that the people here enjoy
themselves any better than they do East. Mr Shaw of Exeter made his
appearance here yesterday, don't know whether he intends to buy or not
he asked father to day if you was coming out here, I wanted to tell him
you was a goose if you did - but contented myself with thinking so -
Alfred and John are getting out stone for the cellar wall - we are in hopes
to get up something in the shape of a house to live in this winter
I suppose you will think by my writing that I am very dissatisfied
with the country - well I am with some things, but there are others more
favorable - probably I have not been here long enough yet to know whether
I shall be contented or not - Theodore's folks have a large family - Mr Hall
and his wife board there, and they have two half-breeders to educate and a man
that has taken part of his farm boards with him - Mrs Hall is there now
Emily is teaching at Point Douglas, they have congregational preaching here
half of the time the meetings have been held in Warren's log house
but they will be moved now to another vacant house, they need a school
house or meeting house here very much, do you remember that Patten
that used to live on Mr Lee's farm? he lives now not but a little way from
us - I have had one horse-back ride - rode about four miles - wasn't that
doing pretty well for the first time? Emma and I talked of riding over
to Olives if we can get the horses, Emma is having two weeks vacation now -
it is the hardest work to ride in their waggon here - they are great double
go carts I call them, Theodore has a buggy but it is out of repair -
we are going in search of strawberries tomorrow, they are ripe but not
very plenty here I think. It's time to set the lathe for ten hours put
this away now and finish it - sometime this week, the mail will not go
out till Saturday we looked for a letter from you last week but was
disappointed, we are very anxious to hear from Jerry,

Friday 23rd, The mail will leave tomorrow and I must close this to day.
We set up our cook-stove yesterday, our log kitchen looks quite nice and comfortable.
I don't know the rain may affect it - believe it - leaks sometimes.
O dear the mosquitoes have swarmed here for the last three days - it does seem
as though we should be eat up alive. I thought I knew something about them
before I came here but find I was mistaken. they just spoil the country
in my way of thinking. Mother seems quite disappointed I am afraid she
repents of coming, she said to me since I began to write - "I suppose you
don't advise Samuel to come here" I told her of course I should not. Well
"I would not either" she replied. I don't know much about the society here
When says there is some very good. Theodore stole over a cow and calf
the other day and made a present of it to mother, we bought one of Mr
Haskell paid \$30 are obliged to let the calves have part of the milk all summer
to bring the cows home at night - It seems as though I ought to fill this
sheet but the children are in here turning the books topsy-turvy and
the kids bite so I am about half crazy, so write often I want to hear
from Lucy, how does the damsel Frances get along? and how does the
steam-mill prosper? and the vessels? I want to hear all about it. Father has
gone to St Paul today coming back tomorrow by Stillwater. Have you heard
from Fizzie Doe? she left us at Tupper's I should like to know how
she got along. I think I shall go over to Olive's next week and stay two or
three weeks perhaps if I don't get homesick, she calls her baby Mary Elizabeth
she is a very good child, Warren calls his boy William Henry. Olive
says she wrote to you soon as she got your letter after Lucy was taken
sick last fall, but I think you never received the letter. Mr Haskell
is very kind and pleasant and a great talker says he should not have
known me. Theodore did not know John. Well good by - don't imagine
me homesick. At the time only once in a while when the fit comes over me
Your affec sister

Mehitabel.

Esther Groves
Maine June 28

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Mr. Samuel W. Barber.

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and she will ~~now~~ go right to sleep. She has
waked from her morning nap and hear her whispering, nothing
more. Don't you ~~not~~ wish you had one? I do. You begin to
think you'll never ~~write~~ but wait, a little, and I'm done. We call her
Helen, Elizabeth is the middle name; has black eyes & hair
weighs now 13½ lbs six months old first of May and is the prettiest
child in the world, of course. Chick & Helen spent last Monday
with me I read you last. I am so glad to hear of con-
tinued health and prosperity - may good angels guard and attend
you ever. Poor Jo, he must then give up all hopes of recovery
must resign himself to utter helplessness It would seem at first
that ^{with} could have no joy for him but then it must be great joy to
have friends to minister to his necessities how many in his
situation would have to suffer and die unbefriended without
even the consolation of religion my regards and sympathies
to him altho almost personally unacquainted yet I like him for
I know he has been a good father to our dear Tony. Well I
guess I cannot write any more to day should have been sewing
carpet-rags had I not been writing. How are you going to get it
now I hear you say. Am going to send it; not to Mrs Largent
but below to somebody

May 5th Father come week last Monday he can tell you
every thing about us but I suppose I'll send this very interesting letter
Little darling sends many kisses in return for the pretty socks wish we
could send something more tangible, but cannot seem to get hold of

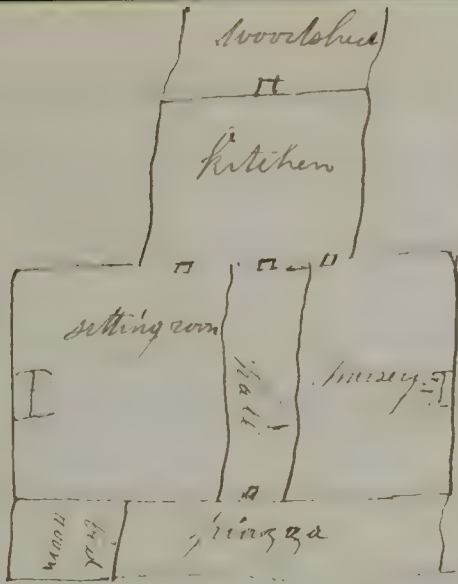
How cold it is, freezes every night - never such weather was known here as this season before. John sent me two pieces of his music we sung ^{them} up to Mr. Boutwell's they are real melody have you seen any of his composition in music & mean. Wish I could write music I long for some new pieces I have ^{sung} my favorites all to pieces, except "Nancy & Jimmy". The sparrow suits me to a te perfect beauties what a nice cup of tea I can have

Have just finished a white-linen bonnet - for darling she is now armed and equipped. "cepting a cloak and I want you to write me what I shall make of, and how. I believe a baby cloak is the only thing I never did make or attempt to. The "Flie shadows together," and baby's twinkling's ditty, good night.

Baby is snubbing having suddenly come to a close I resume — what

I have a little half-breed girl with two black eyes some eight years old came home with ~~her~~ Sunday from Theo's will stay a few weeks she is a proper good little girl. Helen is teething and a little troublesome but Jenny tends her nicely. Grand-pa thinks that daughter has a wonderful head. Did you ever read Mrs. Clavers New Home who'll follow? Mrs. Bartwell sent it me it is prime "juss rate," as our Englishman say. We are "going" to have a cook room added and our sitting room finished this summer. When we get rich we will have a "front" put up but this when finished will be much as we will need for some years. A kitchen wood shed sitting room bedroom & nursery. Here is the plan

perspective
front



What you think on.
 'Here is a charming piece, I think, in my
 opinion, that I want to send you.
 I do not know enough to judge of its merits
 as a composition, but I think it's just the way
 I'd write, as I could. So you, with any
 number of days. Truly, or was your farewell to the muse

a real means to be gained. I am my Prairie, and I am out, it
 for (not a day's work) but for, for. I can't think of any pretty idea so just
 there; but you know what I mean, for you to judge about. But here is
 what I like so well.

"Yes, sister, I am happy
 On Heaven upon my path
 Has scattered all the treasures
 Affection's garner hath;
 And the sweet and thrilling music
 That I best love to hear -
 The tones of love and tenderness -
 Are thrilling in my ear.
 How can I but be happy
 There's a bright and earnest eye
 Whose glance to me seems brighter
 Than a star beam from on high;
 And that is peering ever
 Oh! so tenderly, on me;
 And I never, never look in vain,
 The love lights there to see
 How can I but be happy?
 There's a voice whose every tone
 Can wake within my spirit
 Sweet music all its own
 And that voice is ever near me,
 To counsel and to cheer
 Breathing quiet words of love and trust,
 Into my listening ear.

My love to Almedin Mr. Hasdels
 is jabbering over a message to
 Sam & Lucy about love, and driving
 business to support his wife &
 baby and promises to write a
 whole letter by himself and bye

How can I but be happy?
 There's a merry little sprite,
 Whose fond caress awakes me,
 With the early morning light;
 She twines her white arms round me,
 And, with a joy hot and wild,
 I press her closely to my heart -
 My own, my darling child.

How can I but be happy?
 There are loved ones far away,
 Where the mingled lights & shadows
 Lie the green valleys play;
 And, tho' in their dear presence
 I often long to be,
 I know that in their far off home,
 They often think of me."

There, I suppose you rather I'd say, and
 to send blank paper. Pardon me for neglecting
 you so long. But I've so many works to do
 He get some eatables cooked and think I have
 a fine time to write and read and mend and
 make, when bounce will come some men for dinner
 or worse for supper, cooking & breakfast. Then Ashen
 fond dream of delight - it evaporates in tobacco
 smoke. The evening - minus the same yesterday & I
 just had to drop my pen to take a farewell shake.

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Dear Brother John,

I wish I could hear more favorable accounts of your health
Lucy. It requires a good deal of patience for me to be confined
three or four weeks. My health is good now. I did not get up
from my confinement so well as when I was young.

I have a little half bred girl that helps me a good
deal altho she tries my patience sometimes. My family is large
most of the time two and three men besides my husband. It is fortunate
perhaps that I have children, and a good deal of work to do
for the moment I have time to think my mother's sickness and
death are before me. What bitter, bitter hours they were to us,
but death had no terrors for her. She could not talk much.
I asked her what we should tell Samuel. "Tell Sam the
Good news," - the rest was inaudible. She breathed her last
sweetly as an infant on its mother's breast. It seems as tho
I had just begun to know her worth, had just begun to love
her when she left us. She was here and staid three or four days
three weeks before she died. The last I heard her sing was "Why
not stretch thy wings and fly, To yonder world of joy."

Father looks like a shadow. I suppose he has written
you there is a prospect of his getting the goods. They have written
you of course of John's sad accident - poor fellow I'm fearful he
will have a stiff elbow.

I must beg forgiveness for neglecting to
write you. Hope you will not take pattern by me, or think it is a lack
of love. Children bring many cares and works. Mr. Haskell was
very sick the last of August two or three weeks. Helen was sick
two months with the summer complaint we despaired of her life.

part of the time and during the whole I could get no help.

We are having a cold snap just now it freezes all the day. We are having a bed-room finished a hog-house hen house and work shop and grainery built all under one roof. It does not mean the bed-room included.

Joseph's brother Peter has been here started for home week ago quite feeble he was sick with us nearly three weeks confined to his room most of the time but out to his bed excepting the first week he could not lie down at all.

You will write me write you, notwithstanding my negligence I wrote you a letter last winter which it seems you did not receive.

Jenny fails to keep baby quiet - so I must leave. I hope I shall see you sometime.

Good Bless you my dear
brother and sister

Yours ever

Wm. S. H.

Olive Oct. 1: 51.

M. h. to 611

Wilo, Apr 2^d - 50

I send herewith the your Broadway series
papers, also of W. Wingate's note - you are a little
late for me to change things to \$1000 per day
I had settled the business before receiving your letter
I have sold no flour since you were up here -
I had it to sell, but I believe he is out now
and as sleighing is about "done up" I think
I shall sell some soon - I may not sell enough
to pay me before I start as I intend to be off
before long - as soon as I think Lake Pepin is clear
of ice, the Lake navigation I suppose is now open
Alf Shalmon has not returned from the woods
think he may drive - Dick & I understand is gone
to — I don't know where - he has left his gun -
bag and baggage after having paid 6 or 8 hundred dollars, some
more 500 or 600 —

You must use your own judgment about selling butter -
I think in 10 or 12 days will be a pretty good time, however
you can tell best -

Ball is wintered here until I go she can then visit
you for a short time she will not stay longer for she
wants to keep school - There I say you may
laugh at my old fashioned word "keep school" I
would not write or say "I teach" if I could
Joseph thinks you have given quite enough for the Governor
get some large hay withers and tie him together -
J. H. Kirtland

Lis. Lucy - we will solve your stockings and I will bring them
when I come, which probably will not be in a week or ten days as
we have got to six father off, have not much to do though, think
I can come by the last next week, I will let you know
after I decide so that Sammy can meet me at Bangor at
some place which he must choose and I have known, well
I conclude these are rather bungling sentences, but I am in
great haste, Lizzy Battle is married in Wisconsin, a
widower with three children, what a foolish girl,
Mrs Staples was buried last Sunday, she has left four
little helpless children -

P. T. Adams

Wils April 6th

I think I shall come to Hampton next Thursday, where shall
I stop when I get to Bangor? if you should not get this in
season to answer before I start, you will find me at the Jenkins
house. If it should be Thursday, I shall not come, till Saturday
as they go with our stage. We are always better to have
to carry to you, better so saying. Bill.

No flour in Wils except yours
have sold them or your barrels within a many
days @ 6 1/4 if I have had more I shall
commence a fire if it will bear it
Let me know how many Bbls did you
sell when up - if you sold but one
barrel, I miss one - Let me know
sell the butter before good wheeling begins
shall leave for Minnesota as soon as the
River opens when will that be?
Can you get 300 or 400 of N York City money
in 100 200. &c for Maine and Bangor
money - if not can you get Boston money
or can you get N.Y. for Spice?
shall you work for Hathorn?

P.S.F.

P. P. F. April 6

Milo, June 4/50

I marked on Noy's card the frames I wanted, one of
large and two small, that it off the largest I buy I take care
it is for Haskell all the tramping I send is for Haskell
you will ascertain the cubic feet of the box and mark
it on the box, you will also weigh the box after it is
packed and mark the weight also, Mark on the box
"Five frames"

after you measure and weigh you will make a
calculation what proportion of freight each should pay
to N.O. it is 8 cts per foot from there the freight is prepaid
on hundred pounds as low as you can, he will take
off something from his marked prices - I think the
largest size I buy is \$5.00 the other sizes \$4.00 making
13.00 if I am not mistaken - if it is so he will
probably \$11.00 \$12.00, see that the box is strong &
thoroughly nailed, and the corners secured with sheet
iron, Noy's will do that, you will send a bill
of all you pay, for each, Warren & Haskell and
I will send you the money by John last of the week

Mark the box with black paint thus

J W Erber. Point Douglass
Minnesota, care of Winthrop & Gilman
forwarding Merchant St Louis

We can see 100 frock let us know how much you
want, perhaps you had better take but a little at a time as it
keeps better in our cellar where it is well packed
I shall charge you one bit a pound on flour, note
write by mail

J W Erber

I send Noy's 8 cts by letter to the bank in care

P.P. 7 June-4

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July 18th 50

Sarah, I want you to buy me one barrel
Flour, mark my name on it, have word
with Eliab where it is, so that a team from
Milo can find it this week, buy it as soon
as you receive this you can name the price
to me when I see you

I want the Flour for Hancock, he agrees for
me you need not buy the tallest kind
but such as will give satisfaction, they
don't bring the first crop into Milo.

W. P. Hutton

Add the freight 10 cts to the Flour send me letter



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Oct 16th — 50

I have partially bargained away your farm to day to William Owen
I offered it to him for \$300 in cash payments as you and he might
agree, he said if you would take your pay in thick boots at
wholesale prices he would buy it, he said the price this year would
be \$2.50 if the price varied in future so be it -
he did not say what part he would pay this fall or winter
I think you had better sell it the field is so run out
that it will never be worth mowing untill it is
plow'd - he wants you to write me your best terms
by return Mail. Direct your letter to me, say that
he must pay the school house tax and if he want 2 more let
him off on that, get as many boots in the first pay't as
you can cook him to - your notes should be an int-
for dollars payable in boots at wholesale prices
he says his boots shall be equal to Lakes first quality of
boots both in stock and workmanship and
refers you to Walter Brown & Goss and Upham as
to the quality of Lakes best

Rec'd a letter from J. W. Barber Minnesota today all
well crops better than ever before known
Rev. W. Wilson come here today heads with us
Bell is half seas over with the tooth ache had
it broken by Doct K this afternoon

Over

had an invitation to day to attend a wedding
next Sunday afternoon, Julia is determined

to learn the Clothing trade, we shall sell
our best Luckey for the occasion

Hartwell is sick - is convalescent, Latta & Co
both confined have been thought dangerous
but our little doctor has been inside of them
(mentally) and his patches and plasters fit
to a charm Esculapias had never a
more worthy Son

Wm. H. H. H.
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Why dont John write - Bell has finished
Lucy's Parry Boreas

R.P.F. Oct-

Samuel W. H. Andrews

Essex
Mass



Oct 17th / 50

Just rec'd yours by Helms - rec'd
 the Basket by Givins - have sent
 some honey, some pork in a Basket
 have ~~not~~ beets nor carrots, plenty of
 Turnips, will send some when Gould
 goes to Bangor, he is now running
 a Threshing machine - shall till
 two shoots, good ones, you can have
 y^r or a whole one, my hog will weigh
 350^{lb} at this time, what will it be
 worth for pork when it weighs 400
 I wrote you day before yesterday which
 you probably had not rec'd when you wrote
 Our Traders have their boots of Parshley of
 Bangorville @ \$250 they sell a large amt
 I could sell a good many pairs here for
 that price in cash and will unless
 the Traders will buy yours, provided
 you and Owen trade

Getchel is Henry Getchel & Co. then at
Milo, Julia is Julia Shortwell - after
next Sunday I suppose, Julia will
be M^{rs} Julia Getchel

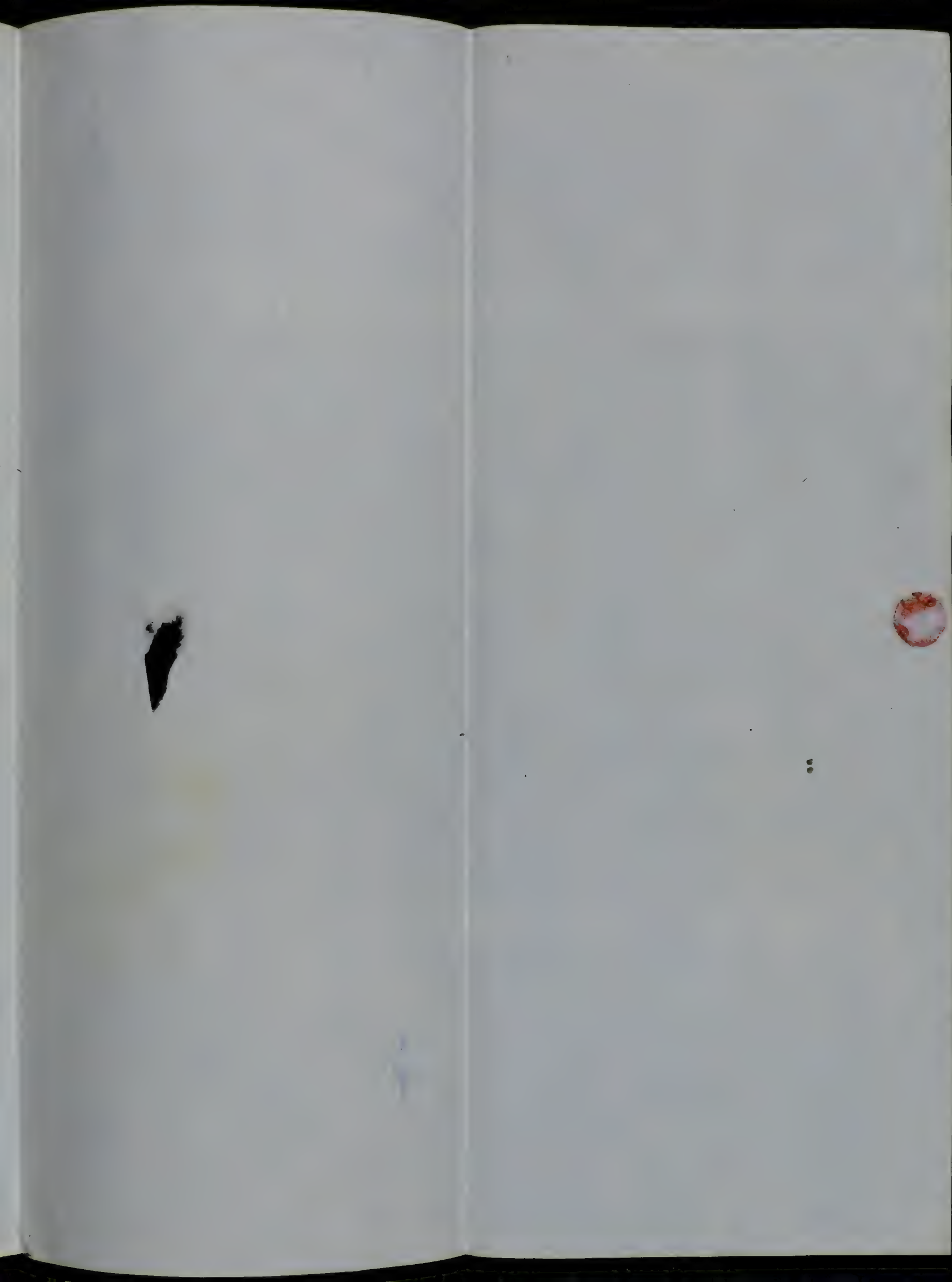
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Lucy - cant stop to write but a few words - I send your
jackets - hope it will suit - shall take the liberty
to keep the remainder of the worsted till after
I knit my hood - maybe shall want some of it -
Took some chloroform and had my tooth not out
but broken off - it leaves the nerve entirely
bare which troubles me much, good night -
Edw Bell.

You must take a hot iron and press out the
spill - have not time this morn.

Your basket of honey, basket of pork (64^{lb})
and Lucy's Parry-Bones are labeled 8 or
the Franklin House



Father & Bell Co.

Samuel W. Gordon

Bangor

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Green has concluded not to make any boots this fall
he will give his notes \$100 in one, two and three
years for boots at whole sale price, will turn out
harnesses, common or fancy on either this fall
if you can find a sale send up your deed
J. P. Furber

23 I saw Green this morning says he shall go
down next week and will see you, wants to
turn out a new Waggon, some harnesses to the
am: of \$100- if you will take them, he will
pay your school house tax out of the \$300 it is
\$3.19 I think you need not send the deed
untill you see Green or hear from me, I start
to day to divide & township land north of Brownville
shall return Saturday

Your Mother is verry lame in one of her legs we
fear there is something serious I shall send her
to Hanford next Tuesday if she is no better to
stop awhile and have the medical assistance
of Old Dr. Dick Will you be at the
Frankling house to take her if she goes down
Dick Allen is here, Ball is better

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Milo October 28th — 50

Yours of the 27th inst was recd to day, we are
very sorry to hear that Lucy is so very
sick and glad to hear that she is some
better — hope she may soon recover
Since writing you I have been on the
East half of No 5 Range 5 East half of Boston
North and adjoining Brownville for the
purpose of dividing said East half. P B Mills
of Banger petitioner — went last Wednesday
got home last night was out through
the whole storm with nothing but a
Blanket for a covering through three rainy
nights, On my arrival home I
found your mother better than when I
left — the soreness which was in her
leg just below her knee seems to have
removed into the joint but is decidedly
less painful and sore, the fact of the
removal of the disease induces us to believe
that it is simply rheumatism, this relieves our
apprehensions of a diseased or decaying bone
Doctor H has great hopes of her recovery
she is now very comfortable, but little pain
goes about house but little, her confinement
to her chair is her greatest trial

I suppose that Doct K would rather give two months service than for her to go abroad for medical aid, that however would make no difference with me, but as she is evidently improving I have at present no wish so to do. From the above statement you will not expect to see her at Bangor on Tuesday next as I wrote you in my last, if she was well she would go to assist you but under existing circumstances it would be highly improper as she can not or ought not to wait upon herself or others.

I am apprehensive that John is works too hard at his studies I have no doubt but he is making extraordinary progress, he is ambitious and means to excel if possible, I am of the opinion that he has made such proficiency that with the aid of Books he may become well acquainted with Geology, Mineralogy and Chemistry - his knowledge of Mathematics Surveying &c is respectable and qualifies him well to teach those branches in all of which he may make great improvements by devoting his leisure hours to study.

I do not think it good economy for me to go after him it will cost more than double his stage fare, if ^{he} does not obtain a school before the expiration of the Term at Hampden it will be best for him to attend the Institute at Dover (Nov 18th) in that case he ought to come home by Fridays Stage Nov. 15th if he takes a school it may not be necessary for him to attend the Institute at Dover, I shall send him some money to meet his bills, and wish him to write me this week, hope you will see him —

Your mother sends by giving a few dried apples Call at Franklin House

What is pork (round hogs) worth in Bangor my hog will weigh 350 or more I think what she gains now is not worth the cost

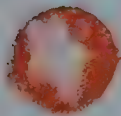
J. P. M. W. B. O. R.

Freshet on Pleasant River higher than for several years Tolmoss farm all covered except where his house and barn is - cellar full of water, 100 bushels potatoes soaking
Bell asks — did the jacket go safely

P. P. F. Oct 28

Samuel Webster

Banger



Let me give to him of the acquisition to our family
hope it won't become extinct

Oct 30th — 55

Yours of yesterday, is read I suppose you were
disappointed in not finding your Mother at Bangor
and she would have been disappointed if she had found
you, your news would have been unexpected

Hope Lucy is comfortable and she has our
earnest prayers that she may recover also that
her child may live, though on that
score we have doubts — Hope you will keep
us advised of her situation at least twice
a week and oftener if necessary —

If you have read my letter of the 28th with
a budget of apple you know the reason your
mother did not go to Bangor, if you have
not read it you'll find it at the Franklin
Museum — your mother continues about the
same as when I wrote — no worse and we
hope a little better — I shall be down
next week tell John —

Mr Hamlin says that Robert Stewart owes him
\$200 — \$50 payable now he thinks Stewart would
like to turn out 4 dozen or a dozen pairs first
rate thick boots and that he (Hamlin's) would
like to take them provided you think you can
sell them for cash what you could not sell
I think they would take again let me know this week
J. P. Hamlin

P.P. 4 Ct

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Lammul Webster

Barnes

Marine

Milo Nov 22 — 50

I have been to see Brewster three or four times to fix up that sale of land but have been as often put off; yesterday he said that he wanted a different arrangement, did not want to give notes payable ^{so} far ahead. he wants a Bond for a deed running one year the conditions to be his paying \$100 at or before the expiration of the year giving notes for \$100 each payable in one and two years - the bond to be forfeited, as also all payments made previous provided he does not comply with the terms ^{of} The reason he assigns is that if he should die before a year that his Estate would be unencumbered by notes - I think his reasons are without good foundation, it is a mere whim, but I see no injury resulting to you provided he gives as he says he will security to pay you \$50. or more dollars independent of the amount named in the bond because whatever he pays will be forfeited and ^{you} will get that much for the use of the place - if he should neglect or refuse to comply with the conditions of the bond - Another thing he wants to let you ^{have} as many hennesses as you can dispose of, he has quite a quantity of that kind of stock on hand and Oliver Cress him the making - now I think you had better take 50 or 75 worth of hennesses if you can sell

them, provided you should lose one or
two dollars on a horse, I have agreed
to take one besides the one for your own
use. I shall make the papers tomorrow and
send them to you for your signature on
rejection I should like to know however
if you would take more than the two
horses he would pay \$1.30 in horses
this winter and forfeit the whole if he
did not comply with the conditions of
the bond you will write by Tuesdays
mail, to wit, by Tuesdays female — Mrs Sevels

That Pig — why, it will weigh nearly
or quite 200 and I am tired of feeding
on shall be in ten or twelve days more
do you want half or all? do you want it
sent down or salted here?

Have sent two pair Sub-parrots for John
John — send that analysis — If you want
your scholars to behave well get them so
interested in their studies that you will have
to speak twice before they will hear
be very gentlemanly, courteous, and polite, but
not familiar —

I have sent \$3.00 by Anna for books &c

Anna can get up a nice horse by the help of Vogel



P. P. F. No. 22

Charles W. Feltner

W. Feltner



Dec 3. met Pig by Southland's team

yesterday weight when dressed 177 paid
freight \$0.37. you must make your
mind when pay the freight. if he pays only 6c
p. lb will the driver make another
trip? how is Lucy? if she comes to 11 lbs
we can take care of Jane, and her too.
if she wishes to stop at her mother's Jane
better come here unless she wants to
with her —

P. P. 7

Pig left at True and Haywards — hog weight
376 sold at yes — \$26.39 cash.

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P.O. 4 Oct



Saml. W. Fisher

Bangor



Milo

1841

Dear Mother,

Valley City.

We were abominably disappointed & sorry, and badly pained to receive no letter from you the week.

Being of an independent turn of mind myself, I was very strongly inclined to hold my piece, and say we could get along if you could.

But Joseph, who you know habitually tyrannizes over me, imperatively requires me to write to send by the Major who is going down to carry John & our more dearest.

We earnestly respectfully request you to write up Lucy and yourself as soon as possible.

We are a good deal persecuted here in your absence by Misquitos, Almeida &c. I keep things pretty well under control generally, but Almeida is sometimes refractory, coming in upon us and in spite of my most strenuous exertions, turning up Nell, in shape of washing, mending &c.

The Misquitos we wage war upon generally.

The warmth of the Sun Joseph says is endurable when the wind blows. (It doesn't suit him.)

He also testifies that he has no evidence that he has not been getting letter ever since you sent an any

My dear Mother
I am writing up
that long name.

There is no doubt though that we were never in so much
prosperous and comfortable condition as at present ⁱⁿ ^{Spain}
of Mistkitters and Alameda; so you need not think you
must hurry home on any of our account.

(I am afraid you might possibly be more as bad as Alameda)

Respectably
L. P. G. H.

Respectfully affirm that Mother need not and better not
come home as long as she can have a good excuse
for staying away. We do not need her here.
We do get along

Buffalo May 19th (Monday) - 51

We arrived here this morning at 8 o'clock - 3 days on the
Packet boat @ \$5.00 and boarded - all well, Bell was sea sick
Lissy left her to day at 9 o'clock for Barcelona near Westfield
We have all been to see the Niagara falls - Grand sight
We leave at 8 o'clock this eve in the Atlantic for Detroit and
Chicago, the weather is warm and calm - and the
carriage waiting Good bye

S. S. H

I shall write from Chicago - had a fine passage and
good company on the canal

Father May 19

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My Love, I don't know how I think we will
buy \$2.25 in range. I think we too
much as they are

Dr. H. Schell is now in Chicago he will be in your school in the Autumn school will be in a few days — Call on him. I went to school yesterday morning.

remember came to market for Slaves from the day before
we arrived in Chicago - John is well and hearty, likes
the country, and indeed I don't know who would not
We have attended a Congregational Meeting to day some 2000 from
Mr. Wingetis - a smart Preacher, preaches and excommunicates -
Museum of Brewer or East Brewer, Bell ~~into the~~

attracts the attention of all the fashionable Bells on the
sawt. her hair I mean, so I don't mean so, the lack of hair
is what attracts attention; among the Mammies and daughters
you'll hear conversation like the following. ~~Daughter~~
Daughter - Only look mamma and see that young Lady with
her hair cut off, how odd it looks

Mamma - Poor girl she has probably been sick and under
the necessity of having it cut off, what a pretty, rich
beautiful hair!

At length some Lady who is interested in every body's business
except her own will venture to enquire, Miss, I presume you
have been sick as I see you have had your beautiful
hair cut off - not at all madam, replies Bell my health is
perfect, my hair was cut off by the mandate of Eastern
fashion - no fashionable young lady in the East wears long
hair - the important news flows like electricity through the
female ranks and as people (Ladies) believe that fashions
originate, or grow, like pinwheels in the East I have no
doubt but many a young Ladies hair sets as lightly on
on her head as a Frenchmans head does on his shoulders
in a Revolution

(You may think the above fiction, your ^{mother} has read it, says it is true)

We leave every thing to attract our attention, the kindness of friends, the protection of strangers to whom we are made acquainted - variety is scenery and the fond expectation of meeting those to whom we are attached by the strongest ties and where long absence & leaving them every time, yet we cannot look back on those whom we have left behind without feeling that a link which nothing but death can render still binds us to the place we have left - nothing earthly could give us so much satisfaction as to see around, & well settled, all our children, yet we know that to gratify our wishes, the hearts of others would feel a pang at the parting with those who are the objects of their tenderest affections - We leave this place Tuesday if the weather is suitably tomorrow we shall put a temporary covering on Wagon -

I shall write immediately on my arrival at Minnesota Alfred did not stop in Chicago, he is probably now in Minnesota unless he had to wait at Galena for a boat. Lizzy went to Westfield - - - - - shall expect a letter from you by the time we reach our place of destination -

and tell me & give him from the same

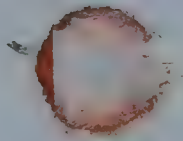
Give the enclosed receipt to B. Wingate

R. L. W. Wingate says to make hard water soft put 2 qts ashes into a bag & steep it in water overnight - take the alkali & mix the strength is out. put a quantity of the Alkali into a kettle of water heat it moderately a white scum will rise which take off and the water will be soft. I suppose that alkali precipitates the lime in the water the above is for 5 pails water - Another & a small quantity of skimmed milk put into hard water makes it first rate to wash dishes in in

Letter May 25



Samuel H. May
Bangor
Maine



Galena June 5th 1857

We arrived at this place last evening at 9 o'clock
We left Wingate's week ago last Tuesday at noon
stopped at Amos Smith's and Oliver Davis in
Belvidere 4 days, have been all the remainder of this
time pulling our Wagon through the mud it has
rained $\frac{1}{2}$ of the time since we arrived in Illinois
the roads are fast destruction some days we made
but 17 miles, hard work at that

My team is true and good, no better that I ever
saw my Wagon is a common double wagon ~~for~~ ^{made}
heavy enough to hold 30 hundred, my baggage 500 lb
our selves 600 or over making at least 1100 pounds
my colts have driven that load through prairie mud
and clay wheels down to ferreend hubs more than
500 hundred times they were failed in a single instance
to go ahead I paid for them 150% would not take
\$225. I could have taken \$200. several times, your
mother is some what fatigued owing more to
bright than hard work

We leave here tomorrow (Friday) on next day
Alfred is now at Minnesota - I send this
by Mr. Edgerly of Bangor who will hand it to you
he will give you many particulars which
I cannot stop to write - I shall expect a
letter by the time I arrive at Minnesota
P. S. H. H. H. H. H.

P. S. Your mother is quite revived
this morning she has no fears of
being upset in the wagon now
has slept soundly all night Belle is well
and healthy has gained flesh since she left
John has gained 6 lb. -
I write you from Chicago



Letter June 1851.

Friend W. Parker
Barnes

by Mr. Loring

Cottage Grove June 15th, 1854

We arrived here on Friday last (June 8th) in good health - we had a hard long drive across Illinois it rained every day (element) for two or three weeks the forenoons generally were pleasant at about one o'clock it began to thunder and rain and for many days continued until midnight, the land through Illinois is very soft when wet more so than any you ever saw the wheels went to the hubs in many places where it was impossible to keep the road we "stove out" on the open prairie and even there the ground was so saturated with water that the wheels on the greasy ground cut in over fellows we however arrived at Galena safe and sound through the goodness of Providence, my horses performed the journey beyond expectation they are as true as the needle to the Pole - we left Galena Thursday noon (June 5) and arrived at Point Douglas Sunday noon 8th when we found Theodore, Sarah, Emily and Mr. Hale. we have visited Oliver she has a young daughter about a month old (Mary Elizabeth) she is very well all well at Theodore and Wiggins. have bought a cow of Haskell, shall buy some pigs of - somebody crop here look fine I have 20 acres in grain 2 of wheat 2 of Buly - 16 of oats, 1/4 acre of Potatoes 1/4 acre of Beans shall plant 3/4 acre of Turnips - we even we bought furniture in Galena as follows 2 Black - Walnut Tables about a doz chairs 3 bedsteads Cracker box to the am. of \$17. Tubs, pails &c also one Wash tub one do of 2 in gun small box Tea 40^{cts} Coffee 2 Bl^{ck} flour 1/2 lb @ \$4.00

Cook store &c. we live in Warrens house shall
put our store in one room of his old house which
we shall occupy as a kitchen. The distance to our rooms
in his new house is but a few steps and it is also
convenient to the cellar by an outer door with steps
to descend to the cellar so that we shall be well
convenienced through the summer, in the winter we
shall have to move into closer quarters unless I
get a house of my own ready which will depend
upon my success in procuring seasoned lumber.
Alfred is here. Libs. Munrosten well better than
any place between here and Main has been to
work with Warren, will commence work with me
on Monday next. I shall commence carrying
and hauling stone for a cellar and think I shall
dig and store it before grain harvest.

A large quantity of land is coming into market
in Aug. many here is consequently in great
demand with for a year 25 percent best of security
and so managed as to have no drawback for
extra interest. I think I may want you to release
my demands. W. Moore of that I will advise you
seasonably. you may look out a chance if you
can —

Warren has been recently commissioned
Maj. Genl. of the Minnesota Militia, our family
feel all like this new situation

Write often give me all the news ^{from} I hope to ^{hear} of the
improvement of Lucy's health. Give my love to her
my best respects to Mr. Mitcobb and family not
forgetting Elsie - remember me to Mr. Wingates family
also to Mr. and Miss Mc Millis -

There has been quite an attraction here since last year
people are flocking in in all directions. Now Mr
Hall from N.H. and wife have settled The. at \$5.00
a week Mr. Hall preaches at Wrentham 1/2 of the time
The. at. has one other boarder @ \$2.50 also two
half breeds whom Hallen is educating for which they
receive \$50 each for year they work for their board
and supply pay for it in labour -

One of our neighbors shot a deer near Wrentham
yesterday it was fat and fine
Your mother thinks that butter in this country is as
good or superior to N.E. butter
Good night P.M. good night

J. P. Andrew

Get Romney cotton us to day.

Atty. Gen.
Mr. Linn. 14th

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Samuel W. Lusher

Bangor
Maine

Direct

Father, June 1861

Cottage Grove Aug 21st — 5-1

Through some unaccountable neglect or forgetfulness I omitted to hand you the enclosed sheet, discovered the mistake on neglect this morning — it is not strange however as I had so many things to think of. I believe it was the only thing I forgot — the assignment to you Joseph Wheelwright has unless he has given it you —

P. P. Timber
J

P. P. wet and worn — growing time
found a fine quarry of stone within 1/2 mile of building
let stone need no splitting or hammering —

Brother Sam

Father has left a small plank
hen which I will sell, our folks are all
well, mother feels a little discontented, thinks
it will soon wear off, is at Olney, will stay
there a few days yet; Mable appears
quite contented, I should not have
known either John or Mable, do not
see but what mother looks the same that
she did thirteen (13) years since -
Mother is very anxious to hear from
Lucy to whom we all send our
kindest regards

J. W. F. Fisher

Father

Cottage Grove Aug 15th - 57

All well, except that John has a lame hand occasioned by a small sore and cold, nothing serious, and Alfred is handed up with - I suppose it to be the result of green corn and cucumbers - he is now making thoroughwort tea Alfred has lost 120 acres land adjoining Theodores and Lyfords has broke 10 acres - we are in the midst of our harvest had four days fine weather, it commenced raining yesterday the rain is not over, I have 4 acres oats lying on the ground with the remainder was also cradled - have about five acres in stock, have 6 acres to cradle - Oats are heavy I think 45 to 50 to the acre - I have 2 acres wheat, it was sown on ground which has been badly cultivated with grain 8 years - yet I think I shall have nearly or quite 50 bushels, my Potatoes are fine shall probably have 300 to 400 bushels - $\frac{3}{4}$ acre of Turnips the best I have seen in the Territory. I could winter 20 head of cattle if I had them not having them shall have most of my straw, have cut some hay enough to keep my horses shall cut what wild hay I want, could cut 1000 tons if I wanted it - it is good hay better than coarse Clover or Timothy Milk 2 cows, have two shoats, my horses are first rate good looking breeding - have dug my cellar and nearly finished stonewalling it 16 by 34 I design to have for an L - my cucumber is yet green but I hope to get into my house in the fall Crops are very heavy except corn, the season has been cold and wet, - Treaty with the Sioux Indians two week ago fifty million acres ceded to the U. S., increase of Indian annuities in Minnesota at least of 2,000,000 per year for a long time this will keep us in possession of a circulating medium

How are your Vessels doing - how Mr. Mills
how is Curran &

Irene stories I hear from Milo. send me a copy
of your liquor laws, you may direct to me as P. M.
I have my appointment and shall take the office as soon
as I can afford time to see a justice of the Peace
Your Mother eats all before her her appetite is good as also
her health - All well at Theodore. also at Harbells
Saw Oliver her husband and Babies here last
Sunday (to meeting) her youngest and biggest baby is
very pretty but her oldest is the most interesting
child I ever saw, she looks much like her mother
one eye is a little larger than the other both black she is
indeed a "Prairie Flower"

Those crops are heavy, Warrens do Warren has
no help except in harvest time -
he has broken a new field which he will
cultivate next year -

We shall have public schools in Minnesota the ensuing
winter we raise 2% mills on a dollar for schools
the valuation of Washington Co is \$3,500,000 The school
tax will amount to nearly 3% to each scholar
population in the County 12 to 15 hundred no of scholars
small in proportion to the whole number - I wish I
had any money to let I find no difficulty in
loaning money on best security at 25 percent and in
some instances at 33 1/3 could loan any amount
Am writing to G. V. Edes several letters which
you will probably read

Write after Goodbye

(P. P. T. W. F. W.)
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"I have said that I shall do in relation to my business affairs
"I shall let the advice of a young children I see. Notable facts that she is
"destitute & I have can will admit that every. "I shall begin
"and for a village school, the wishes to teach, I think as every
"and others, & I have can will admit that every. "I shall begin
"I have said at home to I have can will be constantly appear here left
"to right of every other things even since I of for the constant step
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It is a great blessing to have a father who just goes on
under the best of circumstances by a quiet, steady hand,
and is doing well.

This neighborhood has been so full of grief, that death is its
last but not its end. I could not stand up under my trials
if God in his infinite mercy support me in this my affliction
and I hope to follow with a same other resignation the same
unwavering death. The comfort of my youth, the solace of age, the
that spirit. I find I can where peace and happiness forever reigns.

I am so glad to hear that the neighbors have selected a place for a burial-ground; they have selected a
corner of the woods field it will be well tended and ornamented, then the remains
of our dear mother will rest in ^{the} soil of her Son.

Her soil will hold her ashes, her spirit, the shies
to cure all imperfections in this letter I feel that I am indeed able to writing
I doubt not that you will discover that my feelings take the
line of sound judgment in many sentences.

In conclusion let me say that your dear mother has taught us all two
important lessons, her counsel, her moral instructions, her industry, her
modesty and economy, her strict regard to truth, integrity and honesty,
both by precept and example has taught us all how to live; her piety and
Christian resignation, her unshaken faith in the efficacy of the
precious blood, in the hour of death has taught us how to die.

It is my earnest prayer that if either I or any of my dear children be
tempted to swerve from the path of rectitude and virtue that they or I may pause
and ask the question, "is this in conformity with the instructions of ^{our} mother?"
would she, if living, advise this course? and then honestly answer the question
ourselves. Should we all pursue this course it would be seldom that we
should be entangled in the tempter's snare.

It is a great blessing to have a mother who is so good and so kind. I shall use my
best endeavours to render the situation pleasant. I could not bear the idea of her
returning, but I am sure she is interested around my every heart.

Not therefore your wish to have me say nothing encouraging for to
return to Maine I think she will be happy here
it is not near a large amount of money raised here for the support of
public schools and as teachers are "few and far between" I think
Helen and Adelaide will both find a good chance to teach the
coming winter.

I will keep you constantly advised of all our movements.

Yours, Wm. L. G.

We sent Mr. Lyford to the Fair for a coffee, three, four, five
for a new -
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The coffee was
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The inside was lined with white English & French throughout
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After perhaps seeing some persons after so little, her
countenance was perfectly natural it seemed to me that
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It is a great consolation to
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The event may form a new link between
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To the Sept. 1851.

Cottage Grove
Min. Oct 4th

J. W. Leeber Esq
Bangor
Through direct. Mr.



even to your father, learning, labor, and love.
We had a little time - Mary is celebrating
she wants to play in her folly, the circus cart, and
she is married to one of the innocent of the nation
she will live a miserable life, but if you are young,
she may see her folly and be glad to be a happy mother.
I should like to see if you are content I don't know
that I should regret it.

I think you will be disappointed in your
grad. I suppose the scarcity of water does not
compell you to shut off steam if you can't get
the heat no great loss to the river and so far as
ago, the steam has arrived I don't see him on
the river but I suppose if he is coming in at all
talks of being this winter at the office. I will be here
I shall be coming this winter have 500 barrels
of heat I have 500 barrels to the river, my boat to
the river, also to have 5000 barrels for my
business to have to make, besides wood and
taking care of my cows and horses, I shall have
no one at home except the help, except my grain
I have a fine team, my health is good, I have
175 pounds 20 pounds less than when I came here
I have two fine driving boats to be sold by the
way, one 100 or more each - I will sell a lot
of timber, also 2000 lbs. of "two lots" a fine lot of
the same I will sell, you will be plenty of timber
I don't want to say more, but I will be here
soon, I will go had a fine dinner, I will be here
larger than I am, I will be here, I will be here
a great deal more, but I will be here, what please
but to me it is more than I can, I will be here
I will be here, I will be here, I will be here

Yours truly
J. H. H.

which I offer with account to you from
14 1/2 rue d'Assommoir Paris
The amount of money that was in my longings
for you 1790
16956
Dear Brother & Sister

I feel that we owe you an apology
for our long silence, and I frankly confess that I have more
to make that seems satisfactory to myself, and therefore will
make none, but if you will excuse our neglect in this instance
I will endeavor ^{for my part} to be more punctual for the future.
We hear by way of rumor that you are house-keeping which
is the most we have heard about you for a long time. I rather
conclude that we are not the only remiss ones, for a long time
since we have had a letter from any of Father's family.
My health has been rather better the last summer and fall than
usual, but in cold weather I am so confined to the house that
I do not feel as well. I am spending the winter mostly alone
as Theodore is hauling lumber, rails &c. I have but little of his
company in the daytime; every-body has so much work to do in
a new country that there is but little time for visiting, meetings
for the worship of God are few and far between. However I am very
contented and happy. indeed I have enjoyed this winter so far
better than any season since I left the east.
We are very comfortable in our new house, and as it is something
new for us to be comfortable in cold weather, we doubt we enjoy it
with a keener relish. besides I have plenty of good reading
which to me is a very important item, and more than all, I
have, I humbly trust, a heart at peace with God and man
How full of blessings, and I do feel (perhaps not so much as I ought)
truly thankful to my kind heavenly Father for all his mercies

I have not seen Olive very recently, but presume she and her family are well. They seem very happy with their little daughter, and why should they not be?

Harvins family are not all of them well. Sarah and Abigail are quite unwell. Abigail is a very cunning pretty little girl, and I think possesses naturally a sweet disposition. poor Sarah is sadly afflicted with poor health. I think I complain and suffer a good deal, but I am worth twice as much as she - though doubtless I must give way to her in one respect.

We expect preaching to-morrow by Rev Mr Whitney Presbyterian. There has been a Baptist and Presbyterian Church organized in St Paul since at Ellsworth. We have several very good ministers, but they spend the most of their time in the village, and we do not as yet share very largely. meetings in different places have been quite interesting, and I hear that some have joined the different churches. Oh how I wish we could have a revival of religion here, how much we need it, and professors most of all. I long for spiritual blessings more than any temporal good there is abundance of infidelity in this country, some open and avowed but more concealed under the specious name of Universal Salvation. pray for us, very earnestly, that we may all share in the forgiving grace. I can say how I long to see you, and think in your words, it would refresh my spirit. I am sure - are you as averse to coming here as when you were married? do come and make us a good visit at least. I cannot think you will ever regret money thus spent - I would be glad to visit you, every year, instead of wearing me from New England, only increases my desire to visit it once more. I believe I could be contented to come back, and spend the remainder of my life here in the west; if I could go to the east once more and stay till I was satisfied. I should want however some of my family to return with me if not all.

we have sent for Emily, expect her in the Spring when Mrs William returns - I shall be bitterly disappointed if she does not come the heart longs for its own kindred, and though I have said but little about it as being useless yet I assure you, I have thought and felt enough - but my comfort in this as well as in every thing else, is that all things are ordered by a kind providence, and we have the promise that all things work together for good to them that love him - it becomes us then, to do every known duty, and leave every event with him and to be content, though he shall not always give us our desire, for he knows much better than we, what is for our good - I must stop, to give Theodore room - Sabbath Evening, do not let this lie unanswered a great while yours

Dear Brother, Sarah has had a space for me to fill, but I hardly know what to write that will interest you unless it is something about our domestic affairs as I suppose you have learnt about our Territorial and political affairs by Warren and ^{the} Review papers, as Warren is one of the leading political characters of our new Territory, he was speaker ^{pay} in the house rep - was very popular his was six dollars per day, very good pay I think, the Governor is very much liked, and the Officers of the ~~army~~ Territory generally I believe two of ^{the} Judges have bought land in our neighbourhood and will open summer next summer - there was a large emigration here last summer and it is thought ~~and~~ by those that pretend to know that there will be an emigration to this Territory next summer of ten thousand souls, and I sincerely think that you had better be among the number I might give my reasons but I suppose it of no use

Our crops the past season were very poor I lost two
thirds of my oat crop (which is our principal crop)
by the army worm which is something that was
never known in this country before, and I hope
never will be again, we have but a very little to
sell this year, ~~and we are~~ which is very unlucky
for us as we have used up all of our spare means
the past summer in building, and have got lumber
to build a barn next summer, for which I shall
be obliged to get in debt some in order to complete
it I bought my lumber this last fall on credit
which amounted 115, or we shall enough to sell
to pay for that and perhaps more than there
will be my shingles nails hinges &c
which will amount to about 100, or more
which I shall be obliged to get in debt
for which goes across the grain for I have always
paid down for every thing I have bought since I
came in the country, and by that means I believe
almost every body thinks my purse bottomless
but they ^{are} greatly mistaken, we do all our work
here with horses, instead of oxen, we have a pair of
large horses double waggon sled and a good
buggy have fifteen head of cattle shall milk
seven cows next summer we have a good house
well finished and painted up stairs and
down inside & out, have about fifty acres
under improvement have logs stables for
our stock I built a log house last summer for
a grainery but I hired a man last August for one
year so I make a tenant house of it my hired
man is a half breed French & Indian he is a first
rate man to work the best he is I have even had
in this country he has a wife and five children
I pay them 250 per year and that went paid and
(Cotton deen the I suppose our property would sell for two or
thousand dollars but I don't care about selling at present
your friend
J. H. H. H.

Cottage near the island April 25 1851

Dear Sister Lucy

I have been thinking of you this morning and determined to wait no longer, but take time to write you which I know is a great deal longer than I have been from you to write the others, and as you have been so long but do not for a moment doubt that I do not feel an interest in your welfare. How gratifying one hours conversation with you would be, how I would like to hear your own lips utter words of your father's death, and of the birth and death of your little son. I have to say that I cannot not doubt, but God be true, and how much I would like to hear you tell of your health, of your thiopiness, and your hopes of heaven, for I feel assured that although you are afflicted you are not unhappy as the disease is not so, I should not like, with a bright sky fire tempted, a exceedingly distressed for a time as I have heard that all these things make I gather for good to those that are afflicted and how many other interesting topics should I expect to converse upon. Let me know, at least for the present, I hope to hear if your health is restored that you and I should now be able to see each other with us, we are looking to see how far we can go - I cannot see seeing that Mother will not find all our anticipations realized. Mr. Haskell came over after dinner yesterday. Maria is expecting to be confined every hour - the case is very interesting. I will not put upon her, but she seems to be in it at the moment.

...that he is a Universalist - such a ...
...and stifle all religious feelings and impressions, the
care of course but little about attending meetings, and a wife who
feels differently must suffer in her feelings, if she does not
lose all interest in religion - I think this result is greatly to
be feared. Warren you know is very strong in this belief and
his wife seems to rest upon the same ground she cares not
for the worship of God, and as a natural result the Sabbath
is desecrated and her children receive no religious instruction
this is an unhappy state of things, and I think cannot help being
distressing to Mother for as a Christian she cannot feel that
the spiritual interests of her children are of far greater importance
than the temporal

my health is quite poor this spring, am hoping I shall feel
better by and by, our family numbers eight, and nine months
of the time, our mother and wife have been here six months, and
we took them because it seemed as if there was no other place
them, and we are keeping them for the same reason, I shall
... shall will build as soon as possible, I should be very glad if
they had a house now, her situation by and by will demand more
care and labour than I feel as if I ^{best} strength to bestow - however
as we were saying the other day, it seemed as providence sent them
here and no doubt the same kind power will provide - they are
very pleasant and I think good people, Mrs. Gault especially is
a very pleasant lady - we have spent the winter very agreeably.
Smith is teaching school at Pt. Conger, she like her mother is
very well, and seems to enjoy herself - although Mother does not

you must not let her and it seems to have enjoyed
privileges once more, we have preaching nearly all the time
and a few other services - we are not yet settled
but we shall get a glimpse
of sometime - they say we have the best singing in the Territory,
now so you may judge what it will be anon

It is very busy putting Father's crops his health is very good
I do not mind but I shall fatigue you by writing so much
but I hope to hear that you are not only well enough to read
but write to me - I am afraid it will be so with
me according to my deserts if you should make me wait
a long time - but I hope you will be merciful and forgive
I want so much to hear all about you - do not be reserved
give Samuel just as much love as you allow any other woman
to bestow upon - tell him not to wait for Theodore but to write
Please to tell Father to purchase for us a Dickhagen Filter
if they are not already gone when this arrives
please to answer me to every one of your letters - tell him
we shall all be very glad to see him this next
his dinner time and I must bid you adieu

Your Aff - Sister W. S. Thorne

Sarah Lister. Apr. 2. 5-

Dear Father & Sister

Father arrived a week ago today, and we were not sorry to see him. He says he shall stop with us but another week and I wish I must make haste, or I shall not have time even to thank Father for his gift. What I have for a time to read is very good. Books are highly prized by me and we really need them much more here than we should if we lived where we could read more lectures and sermons. He I have found a good deal of time the last winter to read, but indeed I always take time to read a good deal I have not access to as many ^{books} as I could wish but those who have them are very kind in lending them. You were very kind in thinking of the children. I wish you the children shall have the benefit of your generosity. I feel much disappointed that I am not more useful. I need her assistance, and I long for her society, but we must expect disappointments, for if we were to do the we should forget that this world is not our home. We are very interested in our next spring but I am not selfish feeling they will not accomplish all they wish. We there is, some interest there, but I wish to spend the winter at the Boston, had a good visit we are having. Oh such a cold spring. Now no it seems almost to remember that I do not do all things well. I often feel astonished at my own ingratitude. Is it not crying sin against God?

Wednesday 9th I am hoping you will go to St Anthony to see
I wish you could join us to one of the prettiest spots on the globe, and
now is the time to see it before men have made what they term
improvements. Mr Tuttle resides there, Mrs L is sister to Sarah, and
see me very much like me to me, a very good woman.

Butter has come in a time when we are all extremely busy, so we are not
able to go about so much as I would wish, but I think it would be
scandalous not to visit our capital and St Anthony and another
beautiful spot Fort Snelling, situated at the junction of the Minnesota
or St Peter's, and Mississippi rivers, the Fort itself is something to
look at, but it seems almost ridiculous to me, that such strong
fortifications should be built as a defence against the Indians, 'tis said
however that at the time was built there were apprehensions of an attack
from the British, coming by way of Red river, where they have a settlement
and down the Mississippi - by the time you get ready to visit it
and soon perhaps the steamboat above the Falls will be in operation
and we will take a trip to Crow Wing and Fort Snelling

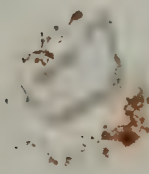
Your poor Brother Joseph is indeed afflicted, it must be extremely hard on a
young man in the vigor of manhood to become like a "blest tree and wither
away into an untimely grave, what comfort can be find now out of God,
and yet hard as it seems it may be, and no doubt is for his greatest good
for God saith not as we see, "I pray God this dispensation may be sanctified
not only to him but, to all his friends. I knew a similar case in Parkman
a son of old Elm Hall. I have often thought of him, and would like to know
whether he is living or not, he was injured in a Saw-mill, the last time heard
from him he had no sensation below the hips - well I must go and
get dinner, and so to my painting, and judge by the sound of music his
running over - do you like to cook? if so I shall expect to get something very good
when I visit - I always find those who cook poorly say, "I don't like to do it - and "I'll never do it"
Yours

Sarah May 6

Apr 27 1861

My dear

John



Collected in the Black Sea
June 1, 1891

16. 6. 1901

to her the most difficult of all. Her mind was so weak that she
the questions and he was not, and he was not so sure of his own
firmly, and when I read her the verse "For the thought of death
of the shadow of death I will fear no more" it seemed to comfort me,
and they slept, they comforted me, and I was not so alone, and
all the while I was with them it was as if I were in a warm
the rain pouring in down the side of the house, and the wind
incessantly - and I suppose coming to the state of my mind, and then, when
I am back of my rest and not being very well, that it affected me more
I am sure that people will never be forgotten, but I never see
but life's conflicts for me are over, and I am not so alone, and
I come may be to the world, and I am not so alone, and
and in the end I shall be with you, and I am not so alone, and
to mourn, and this time I am not so alone, and I am not so alone,
beautiful but just bursting into bloom. Dear little thing, how
sweetly he looked, when we were sitting together, just as if he were
asleep - and I was not so alone, but this time not one of
household panel - His sister, a sister of all his family,
she came down a long way, and she was not so alone, and
kindly, and she was not so alone, and she was not so alone,
an emetic, on Thursday they sent for me. I was afraid I was selfish
but Mother and Emily left on Monday, and I was not so alone,
in my own thoughts and work that I had not called upon her
I did not know her name that she was so alone, and I was not so alone,
nervous, and I was not so alone, and I was not so alone,
seen after, and I was not so alone, and I was not so alone,
that I was not so alone, and I was not so alone, and I was not so alone,
I did, and I cannot think highly of her case, and I was not so alone,
saying they would soon call her, but she needed a more powerful

No. 7.

Estu. Elyria 83

My dear Mother, 8th.

Dear Mother,

It is with much regret that I would have to tell you that I am ill, & cannot come to see you. I am very sorry, & I wish I could be with you. I am sure that Charlie signed his name to the letter, which I have just signed, which I have just signed, which I have just signed.

Lucy's birthday is Friday, & I expect to go. She has been very sick, & is now getting better. I have just written to her, & I hope she will be well. I have just written to her, & I hope she will be well. I have just written to her, & I hope she will be well.

I am not so well as I was. I am now. Anna's birthday is Saturday. I have just written to her, & I hope she will be well. I have just written to her, & I hope she will be well.

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me, it will be this time, but
she said, no more conversation.

I had, I think, met. I have
the same reflection and I was only
8-10 feet. I was sitting.

You have not seen these trees in
the garden, I am sure.

I went to the lake and saw Annie Solger, not summer
house! There were in the house just
the side of the house. I had said that
last summer when we had seen great
big Annie there, they sat on the wood
pile and, I think, just. There were some
~~girls~~ ^{young people} but had no idea where they were.

I'd like to go there! There is a cupola
on the house and you can see the
land, from it. The cupola is a real
good sized room, and very summer
somebody wanted to rent it, but Mr. Sol
ger won't let and I don't know why, and
it. There have been that goes into
the lake in a boat and they are now
and, I think, and everything. I will
be loved here!!!!!! But we are

going to the summer meeting. And
 I have seen it gliding here, but
 did not see it. I have seen it
 Cleveland, next summer too. I have
 seen it at the meeting last of the va-
 cation, but I did not.

I forgot to say that letters to
 Augustus H. Black, I guess the cards
 were intended for. I have not yet
 sent them in the wrong letter. I have
 Augustus' address is 164, East Ave.
 Portland (Ct.). I have not sent a card
 the cards, you can have them if you
 want to, or bring them home in your
 trunk.

There is also beyond that in
 Cassa - about 37 or 38th. I have
 John Brooks is an old friend of
 mine, but I have not seen him for
 12 years. I have a book.

I have two new dresses made
 and two more not made. I might

very light blue, being fine striped
gingham, and a brown, not check nor
plaid calico, made; and a white with
black things in it cambric and a white
dress not made; and a white ~~can~~
not bought.

The P. an. tells signature on
the Beckman Card means P. of P. in
Lauren. He P. Poppenshausen. The bag
I sent that ~~was~~ ^{is} now who
thought of it. I heard of her middle
name.

The winter is getting so dreadfully
cold it is terrible.

(to Aunt not)

I've had an dreadful cold all this
week. I am out of school now. My
throat was awfully sore. I
had awful cough ever since.

A lovely day. All the afternoon the
settling rain. It has been loaded
with snow. I have been very
cold. I am the only one that is still
writing, and now I must stop you see.

With many happy returns of your
birthdays. I remain much cramped Yours etc. B. E. W.

April 13th 48

Dear Marion:

We were all tickled
last evening. I was
sitting next each other at table
and Jack and Carl on the other
side a little way down with
Helen B. between them.
I was and I had my own and
left there at dinner and for
now Carl and Helen. It is at dinner
too. It is just splendid to be
with all the boys again. Carl
and Helen and Jack here too.
I wish Elaine was here too.
The time is going to get away
as fast as time and will not
beget it now.

I had an unexpected note from
Cathie in L. S. S. by the messenger.

of the judges, but of the matter
accepting at all with it - in
nothing at all. and was well
served and very fairly and
moderately criticized at the
next meeting. I have no more
to say about it.

is for 20¢. Failure to show
at an appointment in Soc are
a terrible thing, and I don't
know whether or not it would
be possible to get some one to
exchange with me, and as if the
maddening should be for 20¢ what
should I do?

I enjoy
it very much and I know it is
or will be very valuable to me, as
it is turning me. Much better
work is done in Soc. than in
Class Philocals, and there is
a critique every night which
is good, and a good excuse
look for the critics and then

after too. There is a very good
lecture - subject given after
the speaker has reached the
platform - There is a lecture
on the history of parliament and
the night which is good and
is a lecture by a very good
conformist - Robert D. D. D.
and the officers are changed, once
a month as you can see from
experience. The exercises are
Gymnastics, Music, and so on to improve
the body, the mind, and the nation
Drill, Parliamentary drill,
Business, it is a wonderful night.
And there are thirty or more
members so of course you must
see quite a lot. At home all
the exercises of the whole family
and Mrs. D. D. D. are there and
seeing the children for the first time.
It is as much as most of the
you wish to know of the world.

don't or too to carry me through
all the hot weather.

It is too bad I cannot be at
the wedding. If I had time I
would wait till July or Aug.
or Sept. so you could be there.
I hope you will get

married and I shall not have
them go with you home or can
be in two or three months. I
can't see through it. Probably
folks don't think it absolutely
necessary that I should.

My Mr. E. expects his house to be
done or next time he'd better
be about it. I know some. The
apple trees still stand, and the
grass and wild flowers are
growing, where he says he
will have his house by the
first of Sept. I think I have
promised back again.

I spent last Sunday in the

City of Columbus. I wonder if
he had a good time.

My studies broke this term
which they never did before. I have
of mathematics. I have no math-
ematics this term and therefore
I get my lessons and have more
happiness in life. Paul and I
had Physics last term. I have
Geometric, Eng. Lit. and Greek -
Greek Prose. all very nice. my
favorite kind of studies. Probably
you are too easy. but I don't
have a bit too much time though.
Paul can tell you what he has.

How long is the Spring vacation
at W. C. ? I saw Paul Hayes
at church once - Jack said it
was he, but did not introduce
him. That is the only time I

has seen him. I hope you
are having a good time at
Millbury. as you are of course
unless you are too tired.

The beautiful weather has been
beautiful here too. so we
went just around the
tunnels, and back out in the
court and lend me his or our
racket and how a day is it is
all water for me. How I wish
it is that you can go to the
sea shore. I hope you can go
soon. and then. When do you
go with? Can the girls go to the
beach you and I would go you
will wait for. There is
a ball game this P.M. between
Dohas. and Lech. S. but the girls
can't go. So I sit in the meadows
and can see the boys pass as
I write, and look - home. Of
course, that the boys will

our '89 must not lose the
championship. Didn't I tell
you that the Soph. came out
in black silk dress and rosewood
cane, and the Sen. and
Juni. wore a little round brown
felt black hats with the same
colored in cord around them?

Harl and Mayne and even our
books fair in silk hat and
rosewood cane. Senior and
Junior and Prep and Fresh.
all are now back under shade.
The senior Books have twitter-
brokers which are splendid and
worth as all with the Soph.
had them - Harl and Mayne
and a whole others are going to -)

The Missionary Crusade meeting
is today. I wish you could go
to it. It is very good.

Margaret Lumberton is going
to stay over Sunday with me

next Sunday. Will not tell her
truth? She is in Cyprus now,
at Alex's. Alex has a beautiful
baby. They all are very fond and
proud of him - he is a boy.
Mae makes him pretty clothes.
Edith is coming to see us. I have
time now to see the babies but
don't to body. Well, well, I
must be drawing to a close.
There are some girls and young
lads here this evening. Laurence
and Nina B. and Mrs. Folger
and us, and lots of others.
But I am tired now so I must
close. Best night to you.
Your affectionate
Aunt.

Mar. 17 Ethel.

Mar. 17

Charles.

Ethel :

Oberlin. Apr. '87

Oberlin, Apr. 2 P.

Dear Mother

What are you home
Saturday?

I am so sorry I
can't come what do I have to
come home this time yet, expect-
ing to come this week but
that I cannot be in Oberlin and
come home again. But last
night, I was so busy, I
must have left early, I am
not sure they are going to
give me a ride, I did not know.
I am sure I am not going
to be able to go to the
college, I am not sure I
can go yet. I am not
sure I can go yet. I am
not sure I can go yet.

last night out for tea and home
and then the young man with
him; and it was just when
that they had come. But when
we got home he was as usual
after from his father's house. They
had needed time and they
were really not as well as I
saw. I was there. And I was
surprised at didn't know what to do,
and I was just at home, when
we have some meeting in the hall
I guess we were to go - then
I was to see a thing or two
not going. The first one I
was called. They were in
front of me. I didn't get a bid.
and I thought that some
body was not the same and I
was not surprised. They
said: "wouldn't you please let
me be invited?" and I was
children and I was from home.

as much as I can. Of course if
they want us they will write
us. But here the state of the
country is so bad now we could
hardly tell us to go on
invitations or help long ago. I
said probably they thought we
would come here now of course,
without invitation. But they said
we ought to get invited by some
body there. Then I said "Can't
Thayer get one yet?" and they
said no and I was more sure
to suppose that if the relations
were invited Thayer would long
ago have received a bid as the
others did. But we know of only
two got a bid for work!
Then we heard that Thayer
had got no bid, and that at
least as they were invited and
to come out to a new place. And
then they say, "I wonder how

must go if you want extra. And
that I think it is breastfeeding.
Oral nursing must be more
rather and interest to her
mother. But nursing must
be more concerning and her rather
more rather to her mother
where her for right there?
I think it is breastfeeding. I
wonder if the Father is young.
I wonder if it will be allowed
to be present. I wonder if
Ralph and George will. I
wonder if you and mother
will. I wonder if any body
but the Williams and Anne
and the two will be allowed
in the room or in the house.
Please tell us all we shall
love some. Your daughter, 4th

Wellesley College
Mar. 7th '88

Dear Mr.:

Your very short letter came day before yesterday. Maybe the same letter would have looked longer in writing. I wrote to you just a little while ago. But as I don't know any more address than Lawrence, Kansas, maybe it was not delivered, and you might get it some time when you are passing the P. O.

Mr. Charles Shelton, Secy. for Indian Missions in the Amer. Miss. Assoc. spoke here Saturday P. M. He is fine. It was the best talk I ever heard, so that

Write answer immediately.

subject or any other most. I
wish every one could hear it.
He has lived lots of years in
La Cota at the Rosebud Agency.

Mr. North of Middle town Conn
preached Sund. A.M. He married,
several years ago, a Miss McCoy
of '79 W.C. daughter of the Sec-
retary of W.C. And they were
married here at the College,
in the Col. Chapel. She had
no other home. His wife came
with him. You know we
have a different minister
every Sunday here. We had
Dr. Abbot, Washington Gladden,
Dr. Clark and Dr. Smith Secy's
Amer. Board. And Prof.
Yale & Harvard and Newton
Theo. Sem. Profs. All kinds. It
is quite an interesting way.

Dr. Strong of Auburn date, Edit-
or of Missionary Herald, talked

in. &c. about Africa.

Suburndale is a village about
four miles from here, where the
Episcopal Rector is Rev. Henry
Metcalf, with a wife and ~~two~~
or three children. Whom Mar-
ion knows and goes to see
once in a while but has not
yet this year. We are going
when Lent is over. They
are very High Church and
ritualistic, and M. don't
know if they ever want to
have callers in Lent, she says!
They are nice folks she says.

We have Lenten services here
in the Chapel or the parlor
two or three times a week.

I have not been to Boston
to see the sights yet. I've been
in a good many times, on business
- to go to the great fair, shopping,

to go to the Symphony Concert
to go to a Recital in Sleeper
Hall, New England Cons. } Muzic,
and lastly but not least, to
get a tooth pulled. But never
had any time to go anywhere yet.

We are having the most glor-
ious weather. What time are
you having? Does the spring
come earlier there or later?
We have had a few days just
like early spring, but it is
grand winter weather now,
but not very cold. But glorious
clear air and blue sky and
wind and sunshine.

How nice it is that Annie
can have a piano in her house!
But aren't you going to have
it in your house in a long
time? Is it that you don't want
it?

I must study my German which
is fine. The German for me here
is wonderfully good. Love you both.
Evel

Dear M; I would write a poem
In honor of this great day,
But no, I am unable
To do it the right way!

For it should celebrate your
virtues

And sing your praises many;
But mention none of little faults
— Indeed you have not any!

It should make jokes new and
bright,

And mention all your funny say
Describe your appearance to the
light

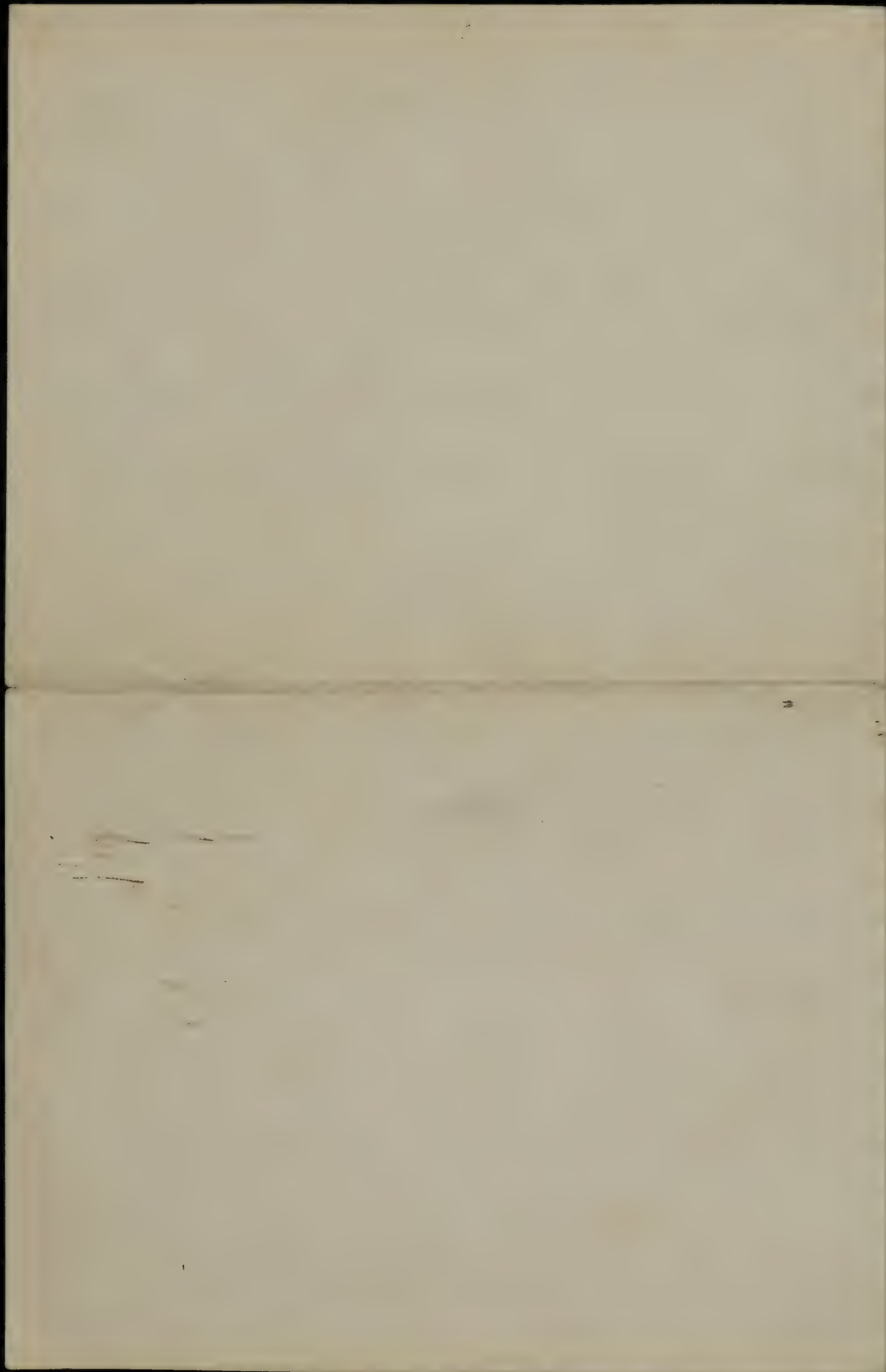
Which could indeed be brought but
praise!

It should tell how we long to
see you,

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And hear your voice once more!
How sadly my miened both face
and voice
When we meet to the lake as of yore!
But words are too feeble and
senseless
To tell of feelings so deep -
We must cast away pen & paper
And abandon ourselves to merris!
Ethel .

September 10th 1890.



Dear Mr. I love you
truly, and I tried hard
to make the money go round
but it wouldn't and I
wish you a very jolly and
Merry Christmas and the

Happiest and best and most
prosperous year I hope
you have yet had.

Fam. Circ. Come today (21st)
It is good to hear from you
all. Again a very Merry
Christmas to you and all! E.

Ethel - Charleston S.C. '91

Charleston Ss CC.

57 Bull street.

Jan 10 1891

Dear Father:

The dinner bell has just rung so I must stop for the present.

Ethel.
~~It was the~~ ~~immediate~~ ten-minute-bell, that was the reason I did not have to stop immediately. Mr. Holmes bought this

~~(I was told to buy a new one as the old one was broken and I thought it was better to buy a new one than to have it broken and not know where to go at it or how to use it. I keep making mistakes. I forget to turn the thing that makes spaces between the lines. I am going to begin over again and not make mistakes. It is a rather cold and cloudy day. This is great fun but I wish I had a better way of forgetting the thing that makes spaces between the lines. I will be more careful. I always forget to turn the thing that makes space between the lines!)~~

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text follows, appearing to be a continuation of the letter or a separate note.]

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

1900

Dear Sir: The following is a copy of a letter from the
Honorable John D. Long, Secretary of the Interior, dated
June 10, 1900, to the Honorable John C. McMillan, Secretary of the
Public Lands Commission, in which the Secretary of the Interior
states that the Public Lands Commission has been authorized to
investigate the claims of the various Indian tribes for the
land which they claim to be their own. The Secretary of the
Interior also states that the Public Lands Commission has been
authorized to report to the Secretary of the Interior on or before
the first of July, 1900, the results of its investigation.

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57 Bull St Charleston S.C.
June 17th 1891.

Dear Family,

The best family on earth.
The most glorious family in the
Union. The darlingest family ever
seen. Hip hip hooray Hurrah
Hurrah. For Charles. I feel as
if it was a great day for the
family. I suppose Earl
needs lots of comforting but I
suppose I'm not quite thro needing
the prayers yet. I hope Nette
may never know how such a
school of scholars looks. They are
perfectly unearthly for mixedness

If I do say it as I am, kept still all
the year till now. (maybe you do not
think I am kept still, but I am)
But I'll be there by and by - at
home and then don't ask me any
thing about it for goodness' sake.
Whether my dress is getting very soiled -
the sleeves - nowhere else. But it is
a pretty dress and you don't know
what heat is, any of you folks.

Oh won't the Elijah be grand.
I hope nobody will how to miss
it. Please get me a ticket
somebody. Is it necessary to
make a more particular request or
will you see about it Jack or Ag.
or Harry? Don't you wish you
were perspiring all over and
smarting in your places where the
gentle mosquito has been, and
had had the most beautiful day,
out door - that ever was made and

Had had icecream and peanuts out
on the balcony last night - the
most beautiful night that ever
was seen too, and were going
with a crowd of ~~D.D.s and A.M.s~~
D.D.s and A.M. teachers to sail
on Charleston beautiful Harbor
for three hours or so next Sat.
Evening? Huh? I do want to
see Francis Root and all his
aunts and uncles and mother and
father and grandparents most
delightful bad. I know a right
smart spell of homesickness
quite steadily all the time. I'm
jealous of Carl. No Carl is jealous
of me. I guess I'll get home first.
It is too too bad. This has to be
off at O.C. Comm. time.
This letter is nothing but whine. It
is the last you will need from me
for a while. Oh home is the word now

which makes me so mild This
I'm going Tues. P.M. - If I
should go with her I would
get home Thurs. P.M. Oh sakes
Alma! my goodness gracious
me, 'Ha Ha!' This is just fun!"
Eetel

How are all? If anybody
catches cold or has a headache
telegraph me and I'll come
home and see about it.
E.

November 1875

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~~Oh~~ This poor old man - with the
visions of things that he would
do after some time to the
fridge to some where to his right
for a hundred dollars. For some
years, however, in the past I
think I have been very much
and however it is my mind and
wishes to have however it
feels in the time when we this
in our own way. Thank you very
much, father, for the letter of
the letter. It was good for the
soul wasn't it? And thank you
for giving a little about the
Barker, etc. How are the boys
and Alice and Wilson? All four
I want to see them.
Well I must shut and write to
you and one or two others. It is
nearly not to be at the office but
I have some few lines I am taking
up and a great deal of time in
that brown, moist which I never
can mend. With much love and
gratitude for you all, etc.

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230 La Salle an Chicago Mon. 13.th

Dear Father and Mother and Harry and boys.

Here Monday has gone again and I did not write. I must resolve to write every Saturday or Monday and do it. It is almost impossible not to fool Mon. away. I practiced an hour and a half and that is nearly all the work I did. And besides I fell into an irresistible temptation and fooled Sat. P.M. away too as I have so often. I will first tell of these last three days, then about the Convention. Yesterday Anderson Taylor spoke to us in the Lecture room at 9. as he did not expect to be here today. Then Beers and I ran over to see Mrs. McDowell and the baby. In the P.M. Stella & I with Bennie Platt, an old student - a Eastern Methodist boy, with

has been out singing with evangelists for
a long time but is back for a week,
used to be in same crowd with R. Atkin-
son, D. Come and H. Openhaw) and Ralph
Atkinson (who is pastor of a U. P. Church
in Ravenswood) met to see Emma
Sherman Coolidge, who used to be in
the B. L. but went home last summer
was married in the fall and lives not
far from here. We had a very
delightful time - she has a beautiful
little flat. She is a very beautiful soprano,
Stella Alto, Benj. Platt tenor, and R. At-
kinson bass and they had some good singing.
And sat in her beautiful little dining room
for chocolate and cake all which she
made herself. In the evening there
was a debate in the B. L. men's dept.
on Annexation of Canada & ladies
invited. We three, Stella & Bess & I planned
to go and laugh and carry on and cut up
and have a wild time. When we

now mourn and grieve to say we
 did it, and disgraced our selves.
 We went way too far and acted
 just awful And sat in sackcloth
 And ashes when we got home. We
 went with B. Platt, R. Alkerson and
 Scott Lawrence (whom I mentioned
 once before in connection with skating)
 to get icecream ^{after the debate} but got home early
 enough. But we have now made up
 our minds not to cut up at all
 except on Mondays and to always
 be decent even on Monday. The
 reason I say we had to make up
 our minds to revel only Mondays
 was this. Stella came home Friday
 morning, bro't in her trunk
 a great lovely Chocolate Cake, a lot
 of cracked nuts, and candied dates.
 We ate quite a bit in our room, but
 instead of sensibly eating it all here
 we had to go and eat three days

friends (B. Platt. C. Alexander & A. Gordon)
to go up to the Park and share it with us.
And for fear the cake would get old, we
had to do it Sat. P.M. So off we went
and spent Sat P.M. from 3 till 5.30
on a treat and repented afterwards.
I'm not joking about it but confessing
and don't intend ever to yield to
such nonsense again.

Hudson Taylor Mrs. T. and Miss Geraldine
Gunnness came Sat. night. He preached
morning and evening, and at 9. Monday.
Miss G. stayed here, led our devotions
in the morning oh beautifully. She talked
about Rom. 13:13. Put up on the Lord Jesus
Christ. (The verse before went to our hearts
after all our revelling and then we
did it again last night!) She showed
ways she thought in which we should
put on the Lord Jesus Christ's life -
1. His life of humility & self emptying.
2 " " " faith - dependence upon God.

- 3 His life of compassion. of love for sinners all
 4. " " " love for whole world. "other sheep, not
 of this fold". "uttermost parts of the earth."
 5 His present life, of resurrection power.
 6. " life of prayer. absorbed in prayer - and
 thus the secret of all.

Then she also preached in morning
 Church, and at 4.30 in the Church,
 and at 7.30 at the ~~evening~~ meeting
 in the Church lecture room. Then
 she spoke at the Meth. Training
 School Mon., Aug. at the Bapt. "

" " Pul and at Rush Medical
 College Ton. She is very lovely the
 spiritual beauty shines right out.
 And she talks very beautifully. I talked
 with a young lady at the close of
 service in the evening who had
 decided to be a Christian during the
 service.

I found two new boys in my S.S. class
 whom I like very much. My class

was good Sunday.

I wrote you from Detroit a week ago Thursday P.M. That P.M. I went to the conference on Woman's work and could hardly hear much. Your beautiful Dr. Pauline Root is beautiful indeed but she read a paper and wasn't interesting as she would have been had she talked. Dr. Doughton of the International Medical Missionary Soc. and Institute N.Y. City talked and in his work and woman I was intensely interested. He told of the awful need of knowledge of medicine in nearly all the missionary lands - the terrible suffering of people and the frightful ignorance of the creatures, even the ones called doctors. And then told of the school he has in U.S. where the students get reduced rates at the regular Med. Colleges and board cheaply together, have some Bible study and a good deal of practical medicine.

work in their Dispensaries, Missions
 in N.Y. & Brooklyn. - Then that eve. from
 5 to 7 the young Women's C.A. received
 all the lady delegates - and at that I
 met his daughter Lillie Dowdant, a
 very charming & beautiful young girl who
 is very earnest indeed and active in her
 father's work, and gave me her father's
 little book "Murdered Millions" which I'll
 send you to read, and promised to
 send me some more things. They have come
 and here is one, please read it and
 send it to Marion or somebody - I was
 with her till the evening session and then
 found Mr. Gordon had saved a seat for me
 - which he did every single night from all
 the immense crowd and he came home with
 me every single night too. Which was angel
 kind of him indeed and relieved me of lots of
 bother. His father spoke that night I think
 - no it was Hudson Taylor and Miss Guinness
 and they were oh so interesting and
 impressive about China. Dr. Gordon spoke
 both Fri. and Sat. evenings and oh he was

grand. He and Dr. Pierson, Mr. Taylor
& Miss Guinness were the very best of the
Convention. They were the great and famous
ones, and greater than that, and the root
of that really - they are the grandly simple
and true ones - just take and present
the Bible itself. Believe every word of
it just as it is, and by believing
it they mean take it and live on it -
Take every grand immense deep rich
promise and believe it as God's own
word. And they are the ones who
talked about knowing God more than
about anything else. I do wish you
could get and read the addresses of
those four. Maybe I could get them
for you. I will try & see about it -
Thurs. Ev. Some of us went down to see
Tracy McGregor at his mission. &c
were there only a few minutes then, but
Fri. Ev. Mr. Stough and I went and
were there a long time, talked with
that wonderful beautiful boy Tracy
Macgregor, and saw all of his good

Helping Hand Mission. I'll have to
put off telling about it tho.

The lady where Arthur Gordon stayed
put us up a lovely ^{for the trip home} luncheon - ~~the room~~
her too and it was all right. And he
and I and Amy Chambers and Roy
and Paul ate together (Paul was sick tho
and ate only lime water & milk but he was
able to sit up with us). Amy Ch. is the older
of the two dear lovely Irish girls who are here.
Both are Miss. Volant ^{McDonald} almost went
on to China with H. Taylor & Miss Guinness
- they wanted to take her. But there was not
time to tell her parents, and she thought she
ought to go under Irish auspices too, for
the sake of the people at home. But she will
go probably within a year.

Last Thurs. night Mrs. McDonald went to
Police meeting with one and we sang a duet.
And after it I went to the next to last
Apollo Club Concert with Mr. Gordon. It
was only Male Chorus this time and was just
wonderful too Oh they did sing beautifully -
And Henri Marteau played the violin to
make you weep or dance. Oh beautiful

it was. And Mrs. Lillian Blauvelt -
the Goldsbury's cousin - sang more
beautifully than the loveliest bird. Ray
showed me a lovely photo. of her, he had
just received from Rena - she is young
and beautiful. He said "our cousin"!.
Mr. Torrey calls himself our cousin too
did I ever tell you? He says he has more
cousins named Metcalf than anything else.
Lots in Canandaigua N.Y. (How do you spell
C - ?)

The great point is now coming. Mr. Frost
who I think has charge of the C. I. M. (China
Inland Mission) Home in Toronto where all
their missionaries go before going to China
and who came with T. H. T. & Miss Guinness
and is here still - he talked at eleven
yesterday (Tuesday) morning. And gave the
best, most impressive missionary talk
I ever heard, and I've heard many.
His two main points were the spiritual
condition of the heathen, and the will of
God concerning the Church in regard to it.
He had time only for the first of them.

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but it was oh so deeply impressive - all
from the Bible - It was just a sum-
mary of what he had found in studying
that up for his own conviction - Then
this morning he talked at eleven with
those who had applied to C. D. M. or were
very interested in it. And in that he
just talked conversationally answering
questions about the C. D. M. and their
missionaries. (They have a little over 600 in
China now Dr. Taylor said - have been
running 27 yrs.) The Mission runs
on the money the Lord sends, without
asking anybody or taking collections in
churches because it is un-denomina-
tional and can't rightly ask of churches.
But they have never been in debt and never
will - ~~When~~ prayer should stop, the C. D. M.
would be dissolved - just burst - for it
lives only on prayer from one day to
the next and one year to the next.
And for 27 yrs not a missionary has
starved nor anybody else. The Lord gives
people the very best, and the trial of

your faith is more precious than gold; - So He has given that sometimes but if a child of God walks with God God never fails him. And as for me I'd rather go out trusting the Lord Himself ~~than~~ trusting the A.B.C.M. And so I will try and get you a statement of all their thro's and ways and see if you do not like it. Then Mr. Frost saw individually this C.M. all ^{who} ~~the~~ had applied to C.D.M. and then all who wanted to. I gave my name in, and saw him this C.M. He has lived in Elvira - his father built the Water works! I had about made up my mind you know to get something of medicine or nursing, and besides that I had made up my mind to work in the Kindergarten while I was at home if I possibly could get the chance. But he said nursing would be of almost no use there. A knowledge of medicine, ^{being} ~~being~~ - even a little such as one could get

at a dispensary. and he said while I am in Toronto I could get that of a Dr. they knew at a free Dispensary. Maybe you don't know that every missionary before he goes spends one to six months at their Home in Toronto studying Chinese to see if they can probably learn it, studying their Bibles and learning to know God better and making ^{whether} sure he wants them to go. Then the people consult and pray about each one and God always shows them whether to send them out or not.

Then I said I was going to, or thinking of, staying at home six months or so for cooking, and sewing. He said both of those they could teach me in this home. and talked a little about it. Oh I was so delighted about not having to stay here for nursing and mending! Then I said "but I ought to spend some months at home with my people before going". He said yes but that would be better after the time at Toronto.

He said stay here till next Fall as Mrs.
Capron said! Then come to Toronto a few
months, then come home all under
appointment and stay till money was
sent in - by the Lord some way - for me
to go. And then being under appointment
people would be more interested and
learn about the mission and maybe
want to give to it. And I would
like to tell people about the China
Inland Mission - they don't know
anything about it there at home.
It is like a big family - Now
please tell me what you think!
I wish I could send you some
good information about the C.I.M.
and I will soon as I get some -
Josephine Tremond a dear little
girl here is going in the fall - has her
papers now making them up - Lots
of B.I.'s are offering - It is grand -
It makes me so happy to see a way
to go. I wish only that 432 Bactlor.
and the whole family could be trans -

ported there too! Then nothing would
 mend the poor heart of me. I God bless
 you all very much. Where are you
 reading mornings now? S.S. lessons?
 Please write me soon. And if you do
 not object I will write applying to the
 China Inland Mission. That's what Mr.
 Frost said to do. Bess has decided for
 China In. Miss. too and will talk with
 Mr. Frost today. We expect to go, ^{to} gether
 and Stella has decided at last to be a
 For. Miss. too and she is going to
 talk with him today and find out
 about China Inland Miss. and if she
 takes to it as Bess and I do maybe
 we three will go together after all.
 Oh wouldn't it be lovely and good if
 the Lord to let us three go together!
 Then I'll ~~be~~ be waiting and looking
 for Teddy and How over there,
 and maybe all six of you boys will
 come. And maybe Harry too. You
 all want to come to B.I. first.

Dear Marion

We have agreed to refer this letter of Ethel's to you to answer, for advice.

We do not know any thing about "China Inland Mission," Mr Frost, "Toronto Preparation," or Prayer as a sole basis for Missionary Operations.

Please write to Ethel, and write to us what you think about it.

All well as usual here.

Uninterrupted fine weather here this month. except that Thursday morning at 5 o'clock was a very violent thunder & lightning shower with snow or sleet instead of rain, but turning warm again, and no trace of it left at night except some thin mud in the streets.

Sincerely Father

—
Ethel China Inland Mission.
with Mr. Frost—

230 La Salle Avenue Chicago Ill.

Dear Father and Mother and Brothers and Sister.

Work begun Monday morning.

The walk to the Kindergarten is twice as long as most
than I imagined, yet a comfortable walk. Besides
the half dozen blocks north, here to Elm Street, it is
eight or ten west, beyond Larabee - nearly to the River.
It is in one of the worst regions of the city. There
were many children Monday and thirty four today
(Tuesday). The head-director is Miss Lily Madeworth.
She gives us a talk (the three assistants) after the
room is righted, so we all have to bring luncheon.
Then I walk to the College - two miles - the rest
take a car but it's only a goodly walk and I get
there before they do, tho' I stop at 230 and get my
mail. Haven't I had Father's and Mother's letters
this afternoon? Lectures at the College are from
2.30 to 4.30. Then I walk up home in half an
hour or forty minutes - About four miles walk
a day ought to not be good for me. But it will
be only four days of the week - I've got to buy some
books and some materials before next Tuesday. I have

idea how much they will cost. There is only one
store in the city where they keep them so I can't get
cheated. Will buy them tomorrow maybe.

Yesterday Bess and Marie and all their table
went up to the Park to eat a watermelon Fred
ordered for Bess, and some of the gentlemen
went with them, and they went out on Lake Michigan
and Marie hurt her knee on the break water in
some way and has to go to bed down on the
second floor this morning after first lecture. We
hope it won't be serious. It is so awfully black
and blue outside that I don't seem as if it could
be any bad inside. Have you seen Fred Brooks?
Must go to bed. Will write some more when get time.
Jennie Davies was up here a while after supper
talking of street people - I know lots of ^{them} as she has my
street I'm glad to say. She is good. She said for
you her poor mother, and she will write you some time.
I took supper with Mrs. Harper and Charlie in the other
dining room tonight. Charlie was to Bryant and
Stratton Business Coll. now, down town. Goes on
his wheel every day and takes luncheon. His coll.
is on same street my coll. is I guess.

I that I wrote you Sunday but I guess not. So will
say that Sat. Eve. I went out to Crownwood for
five cents. Anna and her mother were

me just beautifully. Anna had to come into the
 city on a 10:34 train, and I had to come
 to the Rm - Coll. Sometime so I came in with her
 And she insisted on paying my fare - So I came.
 Then she took me to lunch with her and
 a friend of hers at Marshall Field's. Then
 I went up and registered at the Coll. and
 was assigned to 35 Elm Street. Then came home
 and had just about finished my packing
 when Alfred Edwards was announced to
 me and I skipped to change my gown
 and by and by we went up and called upon
 Mrs. Clark for five minutes. Then we went
 down to the Lake and walked a mile or so
 to the Park and rode back as A. had to catch
 a train home. I rode after prayer meeting.
 I must tell you that Mrs. Olson is such a
 grateful woman she insisted on making
 my pants for nothing. I gave her some
 some of my cookies and have one book left
 by those A. Pitkin bought me, which I will

join them. By the way those Cookies & Biscuits
are doing well. I eat one every morning
about six to steady me till breakfast time
(I've been ^{about} asleep by nine every night lately
and up before six) They aren't all made
yet. Guess I'll have to buy more when
they are for my constitution needs them
unless it would cost less to send a lot by
express - I should almost think it would.
I bought tonight (Wed.) two books in Latin &
Latin - "The Golden Rule" and "The Harrison's
Study of Child Nature - The former \$1.50 latter \$1.00
Don't have besides "Emineences" Froebel 1.50
and "Child Nurture Papers or some such name" 2.80
Had to get also 46 cents worth of materials -
I see a lot of work and a great lot of study
before me, all very enjoyable if I can
do it well. Don't write abstracts of
all the lectures - One of Mrs. Harrison's lecture
today is kind of tough - The Deloarte is
going to be heaps of fun. Must go to
work - Don't look well tonight so have to sit up
till plumb ten. That's all. Bye -

230 La Salle Avenue Chicago
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Dear Mother:

See how that picture of
Hans and I has been changed. It is
now in the boys' closet down stairs here -
north room? I think it is there - up on the
shelf in the corner or somewhere. Would it
cost much to send it by mail? It isn't
heavy surely. He wants it very much to
decorate the room with, and to no use
there, is it? I would be very very grateful
if you could send it along.

One of our Policemen died last Monday -
a week ago. The Sargent at our station died
and suddenly - sitting in a chair there
in the office at the Station about 2.30 P.M.
that he sleep, and they found he was dead.
Heart failure. Of course it was a great

chock to them and a great warning
and opportunity for a 'polemic' lesson
for us to hear them. He went to his
funeral Sat. Ev. and meeting there
was there, and it was my turn to leave
then was sick and couldn't go. Among
Danish from Denmark joining the
C. M. met with me. It was a warm
meeting and polemic time. He had a
little talk with the Deaf Sargent afterwards
and another piece told us that another
^{poor} little girl had died Saturday and we found
out where he lived and we went to see his
wife. And she is a very handsome little
woman and very lonely without her
baby - the first and only baby, only six
months old. She is Danish. Her father
and mother came in while we were
there - a nice old Danish couple, but
no English.

Friday night we had a very meeting at
the home of a nice Christian Norwegian

those who does not speak or understand English.

A man has died in my street who is going to bring some people to Christ by his death. A brother & his drinking families I have told you about. One husband and wife were led to Christ about two weeks ago by Mr. Gordon on a Saturday night. I do think he can bring the other brother - (a reckless drunkard whose wife has been praying for him all winter) by means of the death of this brother - This one who died used to be just as tough as the other but died trusting in Christ and saying, and called to his brother and all these in a way I hope they'll not forget. A. Gordon is going to see this one in my street tomorrow night. It is a tragedy that does these things and I must be leaving a lot all the time. And I must

all about another thing that I have
has done. Now I told you of a
Lutheran and a woman named and
the 'Horseman' that I began to
visit 'early in the winter'. And about
then he was arrested and taken to the
Prison - jail - Craig - and
in a night - with a Christian man. He
began to go to his wife all the time
and talked and read and prayed with
her and she has become a Christian
in pure and we have prayed all
winter that her husband would be
converted there in the jail - that he
would go to him there and that he'd
come out a different man. And
today I went there and he was there.
Came Saturday - a Christian man.
He used to be a Christian. Cars and -
told me all about how he felt. Last
summer and how he felt. And he
went there no more; but I am sure.

And drink. And how he prayed
 in his cell at Bridewell. And how
 he trusted the Lord to keep him
 from falling. And how when we were
 going to have his companion to come
 into the house. And how he had
 that his door wide open in
 the jail and prayed the Lord to
 send someone and get him out
 of jail - he was in ^{for a term} all Sept. 10th
 And their landlord went out there
 last week on election day and
 got him out. And I was under
 the Lord who took care of his wife
 and kept the roof over her head
 and food enough for her, and coal.
 Well it is all wonderful. I am so
 good for nothing and so wrecked I
 can only thank God for letting me
 keep a little bit in such things
 that is a wonderful privilege -
 Aona Pan and her father were there

Last week to their anniversary wedding.
Came last ^{day} and brought a cake
which their mother made. Father Gordon ordered ice-
cream and invited still and me and
Mr. Dan invited Rosa and Eva
McCandlish an exceedingly pretty
girl who is going to India soon to
be married tonight. We had the prettiest
time. And Father Gordon gave
still three lectures. His room at
Harvard, & decorated her room with
and I actually stole the 5th.
Hilton's Corps. Brigade flags
and it looks fine up in our window.
So afraid we have to move it back
tho. They sent some cake and ice-
cream over to Ben - and she's so
soured she don't like it. Please
do send on the tennis net for we need
it much. We are going to see
Full House next Sat. Then we have some
more to write about. Mrs. Capron this

that prayers are splendid investments
 to make - if you want to make
 some in my people I'd be glad.
 This young Nelson that A.E. is going
 to see tomorrow night - pray for
 him and his wife and his two little
 boys. It will be hard for them to
 grow as a Christian family. And
 the Johnson family - Mrs J. is Mr.
 Nelson's sister - They have two little
 children too - Geo. & Marnie. and you
 see it is hard for such poor people
 in these poor streets of Chicago - And
 for these two Eskoths - the one just
 out of jail - he must get work or
 it will be terrible for him. And
 the young Swedes who room there
 and are Christians - both out of work
 and so awfully hard to stand, I
 know. I mean to stand firm as
 a Christian without money or world.
 Well goodbye. How about kinder-

parten the? David from my dear
good old friend says he would
stay here and go right on and trust
the Lord for the money for food
when it was needed. He would
not let go. The Lord is so good
to those who trust him. He advised
me that was. Don't think I tell
embarrass my circumstances. There
are two or three boys who are as good
friends as John and Peter himself,
and David is one. I must go to
work and to bed. May God bless
and keep and keep you all and
all the family. I'm going to
hear from you for Tuesday is
done and no letter came. I love
to do want to see you all and hear
you especially my dear friends
and Nelson. The only sad old heart that
beats when I think of you. I wish
most you go to China with me. But no.

Jan. '95. about 87 Hards F.H.

My very darling Father, and dear
sisters and brothers whoever see this -

The Mr. Hall you know a little of.
Father dear, is planning to go to
see you - I think next week some day.
I guess he writes you today if he
did not last night. He probably
will be there only an hour or so -
go some night and see you in
the morning and come right back.
I don't know what in particular
to say only that if you are satisfied
with him why then I will be.
I do hope you will be, too. He's a
good man. But there's a horrible
lot of things to think about and
arrange and don't you worry.
The Lord our God will work them out
for us. There no time to write you

but will when I can.

Yours with great love
Ethel.

Thursday morning

Jan 10th 95.

Oceanville Maine

August 23, 1895.

Dear Annie:

I am afraid I
didn't thank you that Monday
for the excellent handkerchiefs
I was so very very glad to receive
from you. You don't know
how grateful I was - they are
just exactly what I longed for
even to the kind and quality, only
I'm afraid you broke up your
bourse to get so many such
good ones - and that bothers me
a bit. Truly I was good and
thoughtful of you. Marion
gave me some fine linen ones
too like yours. And Lizzie
Dobson and Mary each gave me
a fine linen Embroidered one, so

I feel quite happy.
There are many other things
making me happy too. In
fact the whole of each day is
full of such. We have indeed
struck the very place of all
the country where we would
enjoy life most, I believe -
It is so very quiet and
wild and far away, and
so beautiful, and so many
jolly things to do. We have a
good time all the time.

Today it is raining hard
and I have earned all
the stockings and socks. We
have not been sailing or
rowing for two or three days
on account of weather and
a slight spell of ill health on
my part, but we had just as

good a time -

Quite a number of Oberlin
and Wesleyan people have
boarded here in other years.

What do you hear from
your wandering boy?

How are you and Francis
getting on? It almost

makes me homesick to

think of you - we had

such a comfortable time

keeping you company."

I hope it is all good

news from England, and

I hope Francis is a good

boy and thoughtful, and

especially I hope you are

in good health, happy and

at peace. With love and prayers

Are you in Algeria?

Ethel -

1657 Palmer Street
Sumnerdale
Chicago Ill.

Dear Father:

John and Eli and
Nepes and Nelson are very
very good to me. Thank you
so much for your letters.
I'll answer the boys' as
soon as I can. We are
right in the rush here now.
It was no rush at all till
we came but the church
needs so much that we
resolved to put all the life
and energy we can into
it. Harold has more than
he can do already - Every
suggestion he makes is
eagerly seized and acted

upon and (because we know
every thing he thinks of and
every earnest spirit in the
people is an answer to
prayer) he has to piten
in where they act him to,
and help carry out things.
We wish we were in our
house already - We are
planning to have returned
missionaries out from the
Institute as often as we
can arrange meetings
for them, and try to awaken
an interest in missions.
We hope to keep the missionaries
at our house. It is rather
funny - my determination
to have company all the time.
But I'll have Mary Gardner
and people who can cook

and I'll ² get them to teach
me. Mary was out here
with us yesterday & lunch.
She enjoyed the beautiful
clear air - and hemmed a
napkin for me. She was
crazy to hear Faderewski;
and Harold wanted me to
hear him (he has been at
their house in London)
and in spite of the expense
we went down to his
recital in the afternoon.
It gave Mary & I a lot of
pleasure anyway, besides
ourselves - and we will
economize in other ways!
Ella Maddox of Elyria
is at the B. I. - we will
have her out at our house.
And any other B. I. people -

Doesn't it seem strange
to see letters from Miss
Jennie Davies already
in the C. I. M. paper? Mary
tells me that Bessie is
not going until August -
I'm afraid she's very
disappointed but for her
mother it is nice. Why is
it she is kept back? She
and we may go together
after all, and how lonely
that would be!

Yesterday they put in
the floors of two rooms and
a hall, and a good deal
of the other woodwork up
stairs. The stairway has come
today, which delights me
above all things. Did I
tell you we have bought the

Leaving room China and
Bedroom Crostery? The
latter we got very very cheap.

Mr miss Will and May
Kilton horribly out here. Harold
will try to see them in town
today but we have not seen
them for several days, and
I can't for one or two more.

I have a children's meeting
tomorrow afternoon. Just
of this evangelistic week.

This writing is very
very bad I know. Will
try not to hurry so, next
time. Have to go out
now with some of these
dodgers.

I do hope your thumb
is well now Father dear,
and your cough too.

How is Nette in health?
I wish I could be at
home a while every day -
I would try to help in the
mending - I'd really try
to do something Nette!
I haven't the days again
for writing - I'll answer
soon. Wish Ite and
Mama would write now!

May God bless you all.

With much love,
Ethel.

What is the baby girl's
name?

Chicago, Jan. 9.

708 Monroe Street.
Sumnerdale.

Chicago
February 6. 1896.

Dear Father:

I am awfully
sorry again - one letter I
have failed entirely to write -
You will know it is because
I so much to do - being so
engrossed in moving into
and settling in the new
Cottage. We came Thursday
last week. That day we went
back to the Penningtons to
dinner but ever since we
have lived here. The first

Morning the stove seemed impossible to start and we made tea with the little spirit lamp and Kettle. This morning was the first time it did not give Harold no end of trouble and keep us waiting till towards noon for breakfast. but he has found the ways of the creature now and we think it will be a good range. It burns hard coal. I wish you could all come in now and see the cute little house - it is so very convenient and cozy. The main floor is pretty well in order now, and all the up stairs except the sewing room, which is chaotic. The basement is not in order.

yet, waiting for a Cupboard
which a dilatory man is
pretending to make. For the
same reason the Pantry is
not arranged yet. But the
house is very comfortable and
pretty, and I wish you
could see it. You will
wonder how I get on with
the cooking. The first day
or two Harold did it. Then
I did as he taught me; and
for two days now I can say
I have "got dinner", and it
seemed all right and it was
fun too. Will and May
were here Monday and Tuesday
one night and we had jolly

times Monday night when
they were here was the first
time we had dinner regularly
in the dining room - but was
exciting for me! May helped
me get dinner - or rather she
did it and I poked around.

Now we are pretty well settled
Harold will soon take up his
work again, with a good deal
more here in the Summerdale
church. He is going to begin
having charge of the Sunday
School next Sunday and has
many plans to bring it into
better shape and make it
more useful.

I've had letters from Marion
and Earl this week - which were
good. It was good to get
one from your father, the first

Morning we were here. I wonder if Marion will be quite well when she comes home? When is she coming? I will write Nette as soon as I can - but I hope - we hope she can come out here before very long. Harl sent me some of those very very beautiful photographs of Elysia views which we both enjoy exceedingly. It is awfully good? kind isn't it?

Aunt Pitkin was down here a week ago today and told us of the Berlin Alumni Banquet tomorrow night, and the plates much cheaper than usual. And we really

plan to go. Wont that be
joyful!

Harold is fixing the
furnace for the night, and
now we will go to bed.
I hope you are well Father,
and that no one is sick in
the household. We hope
for another letter very soon.
We are so glad to get them.

With much love and prayers.

P.S. Friday Aug. ^{Ethel} The cupboard
came and was set up this
morning and I'm going to
try and get the cans and
pots and pans arranged today.
I hope you are having
some } this glorious
weather too E.

Chicgo. Feb. 96

708 Monroe Street.
Sumner
Chicago
February 22. 1896.

Dear Father and Family;

I wish
you could come and see
what a good time we
have in our cosy little
house. It is rather hard
for Harold. I fear, he
does so much of the
work which I ought to do.
But he is a beautiful cook
as I've told you before.
And he waxes the floors
also and keeps us clean.
People could think I was

a very bad housekeeper (as I
am) if he was not such
a good one. As it is they
~~seem~~ to get the idea
that I know how, when
it is all Harold. We
greatly liked to have Grace
Kerr, poor lonely stranger
in a strange land, to spend
Sunday with us. She seemed
to enjoy herself wonderfully
but wrote afterwards that
it made her very homesick
for Scotland. Mary Gardner
came out Monday for a few
hours. She wants to see Nette
here - won't it be jolly,
Nette, to have her out when

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you are here? When can
you come? You will
know by Monday night
how much good the
Sanitarium has done
Marion, won't you? I
suppose you are all
eager to see her again.
We do hope she is feeling
immensely better, and
that you will write us.
Father dear we did miss
your letter very much
this week - where was
it? We do hope you
are well and that you
will write us tomorrow.
My worst difficulty is in

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keeping the accounts
I believe - you know
I always was weak there.
They have come out pretty
straight tonight at
last however.

He had a funny time
yesterday - I especially -
Will and Ida Johnson and
little Ralph and Bronnie
were coming Thursday to
dinner, but it was so
bitterly cold that for the
children's sake she put it
off till Friday - We got
her note Friday morning
saying they were coming,
but Harold had made

arrangements to go with
 Mr. Nylic to a meeting about
 twelve or fourteen miles
 away - down on the South
 Side - and he could not
 put it off. They had to
 leave at 5.16. Ida and
 the little boys came early
 in the P.M. and Harold
 met them at the train
 but he had to go before
 Bill's train came at 5.30.
 So Bill had to inquire
 his way to the house.
 His own little boys gave
 him a tremendously jolly
 welcome (they are very ~~entirely~~
 wildly fond of him - he is a

good father). Ida had said
 he often cooked the
 steak after he got home
 when they were keeping
 house (They are boarding
 now) so I asked him to
 do it this time and he
 did - I knew he would
 cook it to suit himself, while
 I did not know how they did
 like it. He always do them
 with Worcestershire sauce. So
 he and Ida both got dinner
 all in the kitchen together
 and we all had a jolly time.
 They took an early train
 after dinner on account
 of the children. I had another

caller during the evening, and
 with her and doing the dishes
 got through the evening very
 well. I was really glad
 on the whole that they did not
 come Thursday for I had a
 talk to give at the Women's
 Foreign Missionary meeting
 in the church, which I forgot
 all about of course when I
 first proposed to come Thursday.
 It was that coldest day, and it
 was a very small meeting but it
 was very good though.

Harold is in Sunday School.
 (This letter has been written in
 patience). I expect he will bring
 some teacher home with him.

We have heard from as many as a dozen families how much ~~the~~ children enjoyed the quiet S.S. last week. It is pleasant to know that they appreciate the difference in that one respect. We hope for many more fruits of improvement. Harold is working hard over it.

Our house is so pleasant - Every room is beautiful, it seems to us. We are so glad Nette is coming and will see it. We hope she will enjoy it. The kitchen is such a bright and cozy room. Every room is very light and bright, except perhaps the tiny bedroom. The air is simply

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glorious. We are grateful to God every hour.

We hope to hear from you on Tuesday, and from Marion soon. We hope she will surprise you by her health. I wish we could see you all now. How are Ty and Elson and Mays and Eli and Irie? We want to know of each of you. With much love.

Ethel..

I believe my letter will generally go on Mondays after this and I will try hard to be regular. It is after church now - or during church rather, and

Harold is there. He brought home three } the S.S. workers - the two Richter girls, teachers, and their brother, the Secretary - They are as the name tells, German. Nearly every one here is English - the others German or Swedish. These girls both work all day during the week - one at typewriting etc. - and the boy is a plumber but works at what he can get. They are about as bright and intelligent as any one there, and are very much interested in the work - S.S. D.C.E. etc. We all made some plans and talked over others, for the S.S. They stayed to dinner - or lunch rather and I've just got the dishes done.

It is lovely to have a home for
a headquarters for work!

Harold's ridiculous College
has closed lectures until next
September. He's going to put
in the time studying I course

Aren't there SS. lessons
beautiful nowadays — but you
have the Blackwell lessons.

I don't know what they are.

Again I will end up this
letter with a great deal of love.
Ethel.

Chicago - '96

708 Ninona Street
Sumnerdale

March 15, 1896.

Dear Father and Marion & Nettie.

I thank you for the letters
- we were so glad to get them.

I've been intending to write
all the week but didn't get
time. I hope Marion's
headaches really cease as she
wears her glasses. It is something
to be awfully thankful for isn't it!

I can't find the letters tonight
but several questions were
asked about the Kiltons. They
are our guests - Mary ought
not to do any work but she gets
so tired of sitting that she always

dries the dishes for me once
or twice a day. We have only
two meals regularly, breakfast
and dinner. Everybody eats
what they want for luncheon.
Mary cooks up something for
herself, whatever she craves,
and I washes ~~to~~ her own few
dishes after it. Or if we have
our luncheons together I wash
and she wipes. Will is never
home during the day except
part of Mondays and once in a
while another few hours. He
almost always has to go off
to the city before our breakfast,
and never get back till eleven
or so. Some mornings he makes

herself some tea with the
 spirit lamp and has a bag
 of bread and butter upon
 going. We always count
 on having him at dinner
 on Mondays, and sometimes
 Fridays. Last Friday we
 were all at home for luncheon,
 and Harold and I heaped a
 plate with piles of cold roast beef
 sandwiches and we all ate of it
 joyously. I roast beef about
 once a week and it makes the
 favorite lunch for Harold
 the whole of the week. We had
 a good Irish stew once this
 week, and lovely soup the next
 day. I love cooking, though I

don't do very much. I've made
gingerbread and johnny bread
but never quite a success.
I'm planning to bake white
bread tomorrow or Tuesday.

We get splendid homemade
white bread now from our
grocery. Some woman makes it.
Oh thank you, Father, for
telling me about that mis-
spelled word. It is ridiculous
and I hope not to do it any
more.

I'm glad you saw the cute
little picture of Maynie's baby -
Thank you Father dear and
Marion for asking us to
come home. Harold says maybe

Private

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we all will in the fall. Father
we are thinking we will bring
you a grandchild next time
we come! Won't it be great -
Please don't tell anybody.

Harold has rather a hard
time Sunday nights - There is
a hard crowd of boys who
make noise and disturbance
in and around the church at
every service, especially all
Sunday night. Harold is the
only one who can do anything
with them - They are all right
always if he is near - or even
if Mr. Bylie says he will
report them to Mr. Hall! Harold
has no trouble at all, only it is

disagreeable. And he has to be
there so much of the time
Sundays. May is gone to
church with him tonight. He
went over at quarter to seven
to look after these boys (who
disturb the C.E. meeting awfully
if he doesn't) and came back
for May at church time. She
is astonishingly better. Has
felt wonderfully well today.
One of the young men in a S.S.
class of the Church where Will
plays (this is a class of forty young
men, who all compose a Glee
Club which Will trains) sent
Mary a great basket of all
kinds of fruit last night, and

they seem to have done her great good. We have apples on hand all the time but other things are almost too expensive. Apples are bad enough in that respect. There was a basket of strawberries in the bottom of the basket and how delicious they looked, and tasted!! We had them for dinner tonight. She is so much better that they have been looking for a flat out in this region, and seem to have almost decided upon one. We think they are planning to take it for the first of April but we do not know. How are Tages and Nelson?

How are Ike and Eli and
Margo? What is the subject
of the Commencement
oration - has he already
begun on it? What is
Harry doing?

What do you hear from
Charles and Mary and Wilder?
How is the baby in Berlin and
what is her name?

How is my father now days?
We both speak often of having
you visit us father, and hope
you will next summer. I

believe you would like it for
a little while - We hope you
all are well and in comfort, and
want to hear from you.

With much love, Ethel

Ethel, Chicago '96

708 Indiana Street

Sumnerdale

March 24. 1896.

Dear Father, and sisters and brothers.

I'm very very sorry not
to have written Sunday -

May was very ill all day,
alarmingly more so towards
night. Harold had to go

down town to see the

nurse, and telephone the
doctor for advice. Will

come is away all Sunday -

goes off before any one is
up. (He is at Grace Church

morning afternoon and evening)

I was going to write but in
the trouble and all I forgot it.

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She was better Monday but
needed much attention and
Will was at home all day
too. And every person in
the house needed each meal
at a different time from
^{that} when any other person
^ had it. Mary always
needs to eat often, but when
she is about the house she
cooks up little things for
herself between breakfast
and dinner. Harold stayed
in all day and worked like
a good one but I was
tired at night and he would
not have me get up till nearly
noon this morning. He got
a breakfast for Marnie, one
for himself and Will, and
another for me. ^{And washed all the dishes} This morning

He wiped all the dishes
and cleaned the knives, after
dinner before going to the
men's Bible study meeting
in the church

I'm sorry my letters are
not very regular Father. But
perhaps a married woman has
more excuse, don't you think so?

I think the Heltons will
be with us till May, and
then we will look for Netta.
We look forward to having
her with great pleasure.

We do hope she will enjoy it.
I forgot to say that Mary is
better today; has been about
down stairs. Her doctor came
out yesterday from the city
and was quite encouraged.

He said to Will that he was

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fortunate in having found
such a good place to stay
in, which pleased us

very much. This is a very
remarkably healthy place.

These postals about the
prayer meeting Harold got up
and had printed himself
for Mr. Bylie. This is the
second week they have used
them.

These other things are some
of the things he has got up. I
thought Marion might be
interested. They explain themselves
- The postals addressed to
himself as for the S.S. teachers
- He gave each teacher some of them.
He has a splendid system
of keeping record of attendance
by cards and punching. ^{of children}

These books are from the
 the Bible Institute Colportage
 work - He has just begun
 that - only ~~one~~ one day in the
 church and sold only
 one book. It is for the two
 purposes of getting the people
 to have these helpful books,
 and of helping on the work of
 finishing the church by the
 property. They built this
~~church~~ church - mostly by the work
 of the members by the day
 (they are all working people)
 five years ago and dedicated
 it free of debt. They are still
 free from debt because the
 Pastor always gives them back
 (before even they give it to him)
 the part of his salary they ought
 to pay, and lives on the
 little the City Missionary Society

Jays here. But only the
bakehouse has ever been
finished, and they are being
waited up to finish it. They are
all poor people but they don't
give and they ought to, and
anyway God will help them
raise the money and it will
do them good.

This letter though late is
pretty long and I must go
to bed.

I never have answered Marion's
last letter nor thanked her
for the beautiful tracts in it.
It was and is a great pleasure
to read them - they are splendid
to give away aren't they?

How are all the kids and all of you? En

Thank you immensely Eli
and Thank you exceedingly
Harry for your notes - It
does me good to see your
two handwritings and we
do beg you (and Margo
and Ike and Reyes and
Nelson and Nette) to do it
often and again - I've
written all I can think of
in the letter to all and must
bid you a splended good
night and a very good day
to follow it.

Yours with hearty love
Ethel.

Harold is away or I'll try to
get him to add a mark of some
kind.

708 Kenosha Street.

Summerdale.

Octo April 5. 1896.

Dear Father: and Marion well.

Thank you for
your good letters, you
and Marion and Eli.

Eli's was almost alarming
though he said every one
was well with the exceptions
mentioned, namely Father, Marion
Nette, Harry, Mayo, himself, etc

Keyes and Nelson. I wish
you would explain Keyes's
and Nelson's behaviour -
Saint Vitus' dance and "crying"
I do hope they were only
temporary and isolated attacks.
Mary is better again. The
weather is simply lovely, and
she has taken little walks the
last two days. Today - Sunday
again, - she is not quite
so spry, but has been down
stairs and very cheerful. -

nothing like the last two Sundays.
Will has a great day &
work at his church today.
See his program - He
gives them nearly as much
altogether
and as fine music every
Sunday. He is immense.
The day is rather unusual
in our little church too.
The Chalk talk this
afternoon is not over yet.
We hope it will do much
good.

We speak almost daily
of Nettie's coming. If the
Hiltons go the first of May
we want Nettie to come
soon after. We both, to
tell the truth, are a little
tired, especially I, and we
have a scheme to stay abed
about a week after they
are away, and admit only
the milkman and grocer.
I don't know but we will
abandon that plan though -
I feel better than a few days

ago. Of course the days
Marnie was worst I got
tired. By the way it
is funny you think they
are boarders. They are our
great friends - We don't
feel quite big enough
about our housekeeping
and cooking to take boarders
yet. Sometimes they have
to rough it, especially Will.
He often gets his own breakfast.
Though all this last week
Harold has got everybody's.

I had a good letter from
Aunnie yesterday. I
can't realize the baby girl
is three months old. Have
you all seen her? How
does she look - like Francis?
I long to see them and
all of you. How are Keyes
and Nelson anyway? And
How is everybody? How
do you all spend Sunday
afternoon now? I think
of the woodpile and the
cellar door and Sunday School

books and Hickory nuts
on these spring Sundays.

Mrs Kirk the nurse just
clapped in on her way from
the Church and she says the
meeting was very very good.
She seems to have got good
and I'm glad it was a success.
Please tell how Marion is
whether quite well &
headaches and everything
bad. How are Nettie's eyes?
How are you each?
That Milton at the head of

Apr 1920

Wills' Sunday Rev
program is a mistake
He often plays his own
music but he left that
back that time and the
printer foolishly put that.

P.S. Harold brought this
evangelist Miller home to
tea and we had a nice time
They had a good meeting. There
were fifty six of these cards signed.
Many were S.S. children and
Harold & Mr. Mylie are going to
have a meeting with them this
week. Goodnight. Please write.
With much love. Ethel

708 Kenosia Street
Sumnerdale
Chicago.

Dear Father and family.

It is Sunday
night and Harold is
gone to church. It
has been a lovely day
like all of late, and
an easy one. Will
come home for the

afternoon, May has
felt well all day, and
every day lately; Harold
gets breakfast almost
alone and every one
gets his own luncheon
if he wants any. I
wash dishes and May
wipes generally. This
morning Will had to
go early, as usual
and May got up early

— too, and they had
breakfast together, and
then Harold and I
got up and had ours.
May always does at
least help of getting
dinner too, now she
is so well. We have
invested in a cheap
but very good oil stove
with three burners,
which is a great

institution for us
It will boil a quart
of water in five minutes.
It saves Harold a good
hour every morning.
He has begun fixing
up the yard. Has
planted morning glory
seeds all around the
verandah, and dug
up rods on the prairie
around, for the front
yard. That will take a

lot more work though.
How deep do you put
Morning glory seeds?

We bought Mignonette
and sweet pea seeds too,
but how expensive they
are if you buy any
quantity! I wish we
were there at home. You
have lots of kinds of
seeds haven't you? But
I suppose no more of
them than the garden

needs though. Have
you planted things
yet? I hope the
garden will be fine
this year as usual.
Do the Birds all work
like good fellows?

What is Harry doing
now days? Will
some one please answer
that question? please!
How are Nettie's eyes,

and Marion's headaches?
Are there any other
troubles? How are you
all? Are you well
Father? What is the
baby's name? Please
be writing to us
tonight!

With much love and
many prayers for
you all from
April 19, 1896. Harold and me.

Apr. 9

Rev Dr Daniel — ^{Elmira} Aug. 20 1894

Dear Brother In reply to your inquiries

about Miss G. Ethel Metcalf I have this to say:

1. She is a daughter of one of our best & most practical Christian families. At an early age she became an open decided Christian, & has since made a clear steady progress in the X^{tu} life.

2. She has a bright active mind, ever learning & ever gaining new stores of knowledge. She possesses a ready sound practical judgment — "a sanctified Common Sense" — not at all cranky or crotchety.

3. She is accustomed to X^{tu} work — has a genuine love for it — is quite at home in it. Eminently gentle & judicious.

I know of no young lady whom I could so unreservedly recommend as fitted to be a true, faithful, successful missionary at home or abroad. — possessing ⁱⁿ marked measure the proposed "Qualifications for Missionaries & Assistant Missionaries."

Very truly Yours

Edwin E. Williams

17th July

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Letter from Anna Mayo Stevens Rich Metcalf to her sister
Betsey Stevens Conant at Warwick, Mass. Postmarked Milo
(Maine) June 20 (1846)

June 12th 1846

Dear Sister, I have been intending to write to you a long time past at the time of the freshet I thought I should write and try to tell you about it but I couldn't find words to describe it if I should over five whole sheets of paper I couldn't give you an adequate of it. We suffered no damage except carrying of fences but at Bangor it was dreadful - there was a very great rain & warm weather while there was yet a great body of snow on the ground which rais'd the river so that the ice went out while it was all thick and strong -- it carried away Booms, Mills, houses and everything in its way all along before it got to Bangor, then just above the City the Corporation Mills which cost \$50,000 Dollar then it met the tide and jamb'd in below Bangor at what is call'd the Narrows so that it fairly stopt the River & the tide coming in it occasioned the Water to rise 25 feet higher than ever before and so suddenly that many lives were in peril you can imagine, but I can't tell you much about it. You ask if any of ~~my~~ my children were there. Ann, Joseph and Eliab were there -- at the time of the "push" Joseph was in his Counting room it was about midnight and very dark and foggy he heard a sudden rushing of Water it burst up from the cellar. There was an Irishman who had got asleep in the store & by the time Joseph could wake him enough to get him to the door the water was up to his neck the Irishman was so frightened that he was as helpless as an infant -- it seemed almost a miracle that their lives were sav'd, but Joseph swam and waded the length of one whole street and through the square nearly half as far as from your house to Mrs. Whitney's dragging the man by the collar. The water was up to the second story in every house on Main street great many houses wash'd away. Eliab was in almost as much danger he was with another man trying to secure a great pile of boards (more than a hundred thousand) he had to run for his life through the water up to his waist and great cakes of ice floating all round him. I have never been sorry my boys learn'd to swim. Joseph has sav'd the life of one person and Isaac two, one a little girl in the river here by our house the other a young man at Foxcroft who went into the river to bathe he got into deep water & could not swim and was almost drown'd when Isaac got him out.

Charles after so long a time really appears to show signs of getting married he has been four or five times to see a little girl 19 years old they say -- if he goes on with it, I'll report progress by & by.

Almeda & her children are well as usual, Ann has a flourishing private School in Bangor, Joseph and Eliab are both in Bangor getting pretty good wages. I have never felt at all inclin'd to have any of my boys get in the Mercantile business but J & E have both been drawn into it without seeking after it I think that Joseph dont like it so well as he would farming but he has not the where with all to buy a farm & can make money faster where he is. Isaac started for Brunswick day before yesterday he has been home during

during the Vacation (about a fortnight) had been gone 15 months. Ann & the boys came up from Bangor while he was here so I had them all at home once more -- I feel quite lonely now they are all gone again. Lucy is teaching school about four miles from home. I received your letter when they were all here they all rejoice at news from Aunt Conant -- I am really glad you have made out to go to Barnard again -- It has been very sickly about here and all over the country tis said 27 or 28 persons have died in this town the last year which is a great many for the number of people.

I should think with the "neighbors" that Esther has done more in that family, by a good deal, than she has had an equivalent for but perhaps it will all come out right at last do charge her to write to me very soon I want she or you to tell me all about the Orthodox Church there I expect (tho' they may many of them be very faulty) that they are the Salt of the town -- I wonder you dont do to that meeting when you go at all but I should not think you could go very often tis such a long way over those dreadful hills.

It grieves me tho' it is not strange at all that Dwight Mayo is a universalist Preacher tis but a small step beyond unitarianism and down right infidelity is but a small step beyond that -- Did you ever read Mathew Hale Smiths work on universalism if you have not I wish you would, you and Mrs. Russell can get it if you try I know -- he was a universalist preacher for 12 years in Old Salem I heard him preach when I was at Woonsocket he appeared to be a humble devoted orthodox Christian he has suffered all sorts of persecution at most from that society since he ***** Hervey will think I want you should get that book on his account perhaps, but if I do tis in kindness I dont know that he believes that way but he will not blame me for fearing it as long as I do believe it to be dangerous error and leading straight to infidelity tell Mrs. Russell I want she should ask ask D. Mayo if he feels as safe and happy in his religion as his Aunt Thayer did in hers.

What is all the show and forms of religion compar'd with real personal Holiness O that we had such and everyone of us more of it.

Joseph's family have been highly favor'd in regard to health in time past and so have mine I wish he would write to me oftener and you too.

Give my love to all the brothers and sisters and to Mrs. Russell

I have most fill'd my paper but it seems to me not worth reading I'm too old and lazy to write a good letter -- I make Lucy do most all the writing letters -- I wish when Joseph's wife get well enough they would come here I guess it would do them good they could come in the cars all the way to Portland not have to be on the water more than 10 or 12 hours -- goodbye.

Postscript written on inside fold of reverse side of paper:

I have written just what I happened to be thinking of hope you wont show it.

ANN Daughter - Anna Elizabeth Rich age 34 single (later married Dr. DeWitt)

JOSEPH Son - Joseph Mayo Metcalf age 22 single

ELIAB Son - Eliab Wight Metcalf age 19 single (later married, father of Maynard, etc. Metcalf)

CHARLES Son - Charles Wilder Rich age 38 single (married March 1847 Albina Kittredge, b. 4/16/27)

ALMEDA Daughter - Almeda Rich Searles age 36 married to James M. Searles

ALMEDA'S CHILDREN (1) Lucy Almeda Searles age 8
(2) James Rich Searles age 7
(3) Elizabeth Rachel Searles age 3

ISAAC Son - Isaac Stevens Metcalf age 24 single (later married Antoinette Putnam & Harriet Howes)

LUCY Daughter - Lucy Haywood Metcalf age 21 single (later married S.W.Furber)

ESTHER Sister - Esther Stevens age 57 single

DWIGHT MAYO - Probably a cousin on her Mother's side

Hervey Nephew (Betsey's son) Harvey Conant age 35

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O. W. W.

Elyria, Loraine Co. Ohio, June 5th 1862
 My Dear Sisters (to K. & M. & C. & S.)

I have had it in my mind to write to you every day this long time but something or another steals away the time I often think of you ^{both} & Father & do so want to know not only your esteemed condition & circumstances, but what you think and feel - up our joys, & sorrows, your comfort & your trials -

Can you realise what aged people we are & frequently set myself to ponder the subject and try to feel - but I cannot that I am so old as people of my age used to be when I was young. Persons as old as my children are were very old folks then.

I can see when I sit on the grass in the middle of the lawn & can see how this in the morning I see when I went there once, when I was a child, & see her mouth all care & in it did not occur to me that I should ever look so.

Perhaps you will laugh at me when I tell you that I have lately got a set of false teeth my children have teased me to this ten years but I had one tooth remaining & could not feel willing to till a few weeks since that one left me - & Anna's husband & Isaac persuaded me to have a new false one.

I can eat with them & they have not occasioned me any pain. My health is very good & I have every privilege & every comfort that I can need and I surely ought to be very thankful. I do feel that I am very undeserving that I have done very little good in the world to what I might have done & ought to have done.

I wish you could be here & see the abundance of
all over this part of the country
Fruit - Isaac has on his lot of 5 or 6 acres besides Apple
trees - ^{about} 80 peach - 40 pear - & 25 or 30 Cherry trees
full as they can hold of fruit - much the greatest
part set out within 5 years he has some dwarf
pear trees not more than 3 or 4 feet high full of
pears down to within 6 or 7 inches of the ground
He delights in his orchard & garden & loads it
with manure of every kind

Isaac & his family are well they have had six
children - have buried 3 - prospect of another this
Summer. Anna & her folks are well she has
been without a hired girl about a year - to learn her
girls to work about house which they were not very
likely to do if they kept a girl all the time

A soldier returned here yesterday who has been a
prisoner in pehaldorn almost a year their prisoners
have suffered dreadfully - while those taken by our
side have been treated with all kindness - some of
them ^{officers} at Columbus were allowed ^{for a while} to retain their
black uniforms! Charles's wife has two Brothers in
the Army one of them Summer Kedge a Lieut
in the 2 Maine Regiment has been a prisoner more
than a year

Charles's oldest boy is here yet
attending School is a very good boy is very much
like his father I wish you would tell me
something about Joanna & whether she ever rec'd
a letter I sent her some months ago

Tell Esther she must take this as written to her too
& write to me I wish you would tell me
whether Brother Williams respects Slaves & Slave-
holders yet. I have more folks to write to than either of you
so you must not wait for me but both write soon to yours
affectionate Sister Edith

Lyria, Ohio Lorain, County.
June 5, 1862.

My dear Sister : (Betsy Conant

I have had it in my mind to write to you every day this long time, but one thing and another steals away the time. I often think of you and Esther and do so want to know not only your external condition and circumstances but what you think and feel, your joys and sorrows, your comforts and your ~~troubles~~. Can you realize what aged people we are? I frequently set myself to ponder the subject and try to feel, but I cannot, that I am as old as people of my age used to be when I was young. Persons as old as my children are were very old folks then. I can see when I look in the glass how wrinkled I am and can see how Mrs. Sim^l Stearns looked to me when I went there once when I was a child, with her mouth all caved in. It didn't seem to me that I should ever look so.

Perhaps you will laugh at me when I tell you that I have lately got a set of false teeth. My children have teased me to, these ten years but I had one tooth remaining and could not feel willing to, till a few weeks since that one left me, and Anna's husband and Isaac persuaded me to have some false ones. I can eat with them and they have not occasioned me any pain. My health is very good and I have every privilege and every comfort that I can need and I surely ought to be very thankful. I do feel that I am very undeserving, that I have done very little good in the world to what I might have done and ought to have done.

I wish you could be here and see the abundance of fruit all over this part of the country. Isaac has on his lot of five or six acres besides apple trees, about eighty peach, forty pear, and twenty five or thirty cherry trees full as they can hold of fruit, with the greatest part set out within five years. He has some dwarf pear trees not more than three or four feet high full of pears down to within six or seven inches of the ground. He delights in his orchard and garden and loads it with manure of every kind.

Isaac and his family are well. They have had six children, have buried three - prospect of another this summer. Anna and her folks are well. She has been without a hired girl about a year, to learn her girls to work about the house which they were not very likely to do if they kept a girl all the time.

A Soldier returned here yesterday who has been a prisoner in Rebelion almost a year. These prisoners have suffered dreadfully while those taken by our side have been treated ^{with} all kindness, some of the officers at Columbus were allowed for a while to retain their black waiters! Charles' wife has two brothers in the army, one of them, Sumner Kittredge, a lieutenant, in the 2nd Maine regiment, has been a prisoner more than a year. Charles' oldest boy (Charlie) is here yet, attending school - is a very good boy, is very much like his father.

I wish you would tell me something about Joanna ^(?) and whether she ever received a letter I sent her some months ago. Tell Esther she must take this as written to her too, and write ~~to~~ me; and I wish you would tell me whether brother Williams upholds slavery and slave holders yet. I have more folks to write to than ~~either~~ of you, so you must not wait for me, but both write soon to your affectionate sister,

A.M.M.
(Anna Mayo Rich Wetcalf.)

Aug. 28
Milb. ~~Sept 1~~ 1839.

Dear Sister,

As I have not written any thing to you since you went away which can be called a letter I will begin at the beginning. I was sorry that I was up in the potato field when you went away so that I could not say "goodbye". I started to come down but found it was too late. I am glad ^{that} you had such a good journey, and get along so finely there. The "posy patch" prospers finely. The heap by the piny is covered with Ari-colored violets & looketh pretty. The columbine (purple) looked pretty & is sprouting up from the root so as to look pretty next year. The foxglove was very profusely covered with flowers & looked very pretty. The mullein pink Mother says is very splendid. It really is, & has been and will be for some time to come. The flowers are purple. It looketh very pretty. The two pink roots from Mr. Hoxie's flower profusely & looketh pretty. There is some large double red sweet smelling peepies, and some small double & bright red peepies very curis leaves &c. which looketh pretty. African Hibiscus, sweet peas blue bells catchfly, candy tufts marigolds chrysanthemums white, & red single peepies ~~are~~ as usual. Our plaguy great new yellow marigolds are just beginning to blow. We have abundance of White morning glories which looketh pretty & some blue & purple but no red ones. The kittens have grown greatly and are very pretty.

I suppose you know how we had a tame fox.
We have got a tame muskrat what runneth about the house
& is about as tame as a kitten, eats milk, parsneps
roots, leaves of of turnip sabbage, beet &c bean & pea
pods & most every thing else. His castle is in the closet
west of the chimney whence he can sally out to the kitchen
or parlor. He hath dug him a hole one entrance being
in the closet & the other behind the backroom chimney.
He is the pet, as cleanly as a kitten & not so mischievous.
Upon being called mukky, mukkee, mukky - he cometh.
We caught a young wild duck & kept it a spell but
it would not grow tame & we let it go. One day Isaac
& I went up to Booby brook fishing & caught 5 great pick-
erel, 2 eels, 1 duck & one musquash. We have got ^{about} none
shaying. Charles has got a cradle & cradled acres of
wheat & 1 acre of oats.

Ann got home last Friday night & in very good plight.
Only she left 2 of Isaac's books & Mr. Bush's letters, books
& Nov behind. Isaac came home the twenty sixth of July
one weeke before the vacation commenced. ~~Isaac~~ & is going
back the last of this week I suppose. He is going back to
the same place again (Mr. Walker's) which is a very good
place I guess. He & James F. Walker have corresponded
during the vacation. J. F. W. is a brother of Mr. Isaac Walker about
20 years old I believe. Studying law.

Eliab was intending to write some in this letter but he
cut his hand today pretty bad so that he cannot.

Miss Lucy H. Metcalf

No. 11 Wheeler's Court,
Boston Ms.

Forwarded by Mr. Wells.

Christie & Jacob
Aug. 28th 1839

Dear Lucy

I suppose I & A. are gone so you will get all the
business this time. I found the boat very crowded, and the sleeping
accommodations so poor that I chose to stay on deck as long
as there was any lady to stay with me: but at last I went
down into the cabin and succeeded in finding a place to lay
my head though without any pillow. I slept pretty well,
however and rose early enough to see the entrance into Portland,
but soon I had to go below again with the sick headache; I was
not sick; indeed the sea was so very calm that hardly any
one was sick. I had rather a dull day of it being obliged to lie
down most all the time till evening, but then we had a very
pleasant time it was bright moonlight and the passage from
Bucksport to Bangor you know is interesting. I found C.
waiting for me and without stopping we rode out to Monks
by moonlight; arrived there at ten o'clock, found them all
asleep. started next morning at six arrived home about noon.
Found the folks well, but wondering greatly at the delay of a day
in our coming. Mother's health is quite good now. little Ellen helps
a great deal, I verily believe she does more work than you do.
she is very good natured & tries to please. your posy patch exceeds
my very highest expectations. I have gathered a nosegay
almost every day of about twenty different kinds - under the
windows are the scarlet bean and sweet pea, and the gorgeous
marigold and chrysanthemums and several others are in
full bloom. Charles is very busy about his harvesting & the boys
have to work very hard. Eliab cut his hand pretty badly yesterday

Anna's Germanium is alive but it gets so cold shading she almost
Mother & Ann Sept. 1899.
When she had left

I went to Selser's meeting last Sabbath, heard Mr. Batchelder preach a good sermon. I stopped at the Sabbath school saw about 30 scholars and 5 teachers; quite a contrast to our Sabbath school. I am very sorry about Isaac's books and Mr. Bush's letters. as soon as James comes home, he must send them in a package to be left at the office in Bangor: it is a pity that James must be at so much trouble about them when they might so easily have been brought but the greatest pity is, that Isaac will be obliged to do without his books for two or three years when he really needs them.

I have written to Miss Lamson by Mr. Wells and I want you should ask her whether she has received it and let me know in your next letter. There is always an uncertainty about letters when sent by private conveyance therefore I want you should inquire about it. There is a book that I borrowed of Lydia Lamson, which I wish you would call there and return. Martha and Ellen rode down to see me Monday morning just as we were going to walking but did not get out of the chaise because Ellen was not able to bear the fatigue of getting out and in. Mrs. Hill came along yesterday for mother to go to Mrs. Henry Sargent's 'visiting' but when they got to the river they found her gone away, so Mrs. Hill spent the afternoon here. Abby is at home and ~~Anna~~ Naomi is not very well. I have scratched down all the news I can think of so good bye.

Love to Mrs. T. and little B.

E. C.

Tell Mary Anne I want to know how she is getting on.

Joseph & I have just sent a little letter to Joseph Hill to carry to
you and since then have read the Hygein Book and what shall I call it?
not a handsome letter but better than nothing I'm sorry for your ^[Lizzy] distress
about combs but it is of very little consequence - not knowing the cir-
cumstances I am no judge of the case but I should think that the
dress for the party too was of very little consequence where there is so
many no one is seen you know — I say to you Ann & Lucy that
I don't feel exactly willing that I don't feel exactly willing that I
should stay at Mrs. Cutler's while Mrs & c are gone without some
one else there I don't know any thing but what Mr C is worthy of
the utmost confidence but I feel that I should rather she would
not & that it is not quite proper but do as you think best
I long to have you get home as soon as you ascertain
what day your school closes let us know we shall need
a great double sleigh to fetch you all three home
C. is here now is going back tomorrow morning
O be sure you should send a national Standard
by Mr. Joseph Hill I will send the Cape and
a little piece of money good bye

Proctor Feb. 1841-

Miss J. M. McTeay
Bourne

Joseph seems to enjoy exceedingly like us all, the prospect of your getting married and coming home to stay while Susan is gone into the woods. He says that as to accommodations they shall be plenty for if needful he can sleep out in the piazza or under the tree that she may have his sleeping room or any way if she can but come.

Partridge like other wild creatures are said to be much better for insulations I should think it would do for you to begin to take a little brood ere long.

I'm following your directions ~~but~~ in regard to a sinners Alameda about fixing up &c I did in my blundering inadvertent way so speak as to offend or rather grieve but I'm sure I did not mean it she sometimes takes more than you mean you know she feels that you & perhaps I have too much thought about fashion & dress. It is true that in the world ^{we} shall have tribulation and that the more we live above and regardless of the world & place our trust & happiness in Christ where only true peace is found the better it is for us, we are apt to seek worldly gratification & think we have it when if fairly analyzed ~~it is~~ ~~it is~~ ~~it is~~ we would find a considerable mixture of something else.

I think a little season spent here with Joseph would be not only pleasant but instructive to both you & Lucy.

Lucy must get well fast and come home & what a fine time we will have here in Josephs cosy warm room.

Mother

Arrived home in-lapth before it was quite as dark as
Egyptian darkness it began to grow dark ^{the fog was so very thick} soon after we left Kiran
from a misunderstanding or something about the Order we were waiting
to join in London, my back did ache before I got there, but I
got nicely rested, felt considerable apprehension about getting home
in safety on account of the darkness, But we got along nicely & all
was well, There was no very striking appearance of displeasure on
the Countenance of Joseph or any of the rest But they all with
me accord began to say they were sorry to see me and "Finner",
said me for not staying longer with you, that they could do without
me just as well as not, ^{is staying longer than you could} So that the danger seems to be that I shall
not be wanted now here no how, I do want to know how you
are this very day & how you are every day If you are really getting
along - gaining in health & strength every day I should think that in a
few days after Alameda gets there you could dismiss your Nurse & thereby
get along with less expense and more satisfaction. Alameda is very kind
hearted and capable, only like me she is apt to be a little negligent and
forgetful — If you see Eliab tell him ^{not} to get some paper to make some
envelopes as Joseph requested some time ago and ^{not} to get at present
Monthly Magazine but give no more than 20 cents a Number some
days that is the price.

I write to every body — If to be found in your pockets
and you can bring me convenience by I shall be very glad to
desire you to write down to bring "Selmaque", La Henriade, ^{French Testament,} Hall's ~~Practical~~
"Scott's Doctrinal Texts of the Last Ministry" Greenleaf's arithmetic,
if you have it, Key to Emerson's Second Sermon, 1/2 quire or one quire of
envelope paper which would not be given unless equally as
cheap each of these commissions ^{to be} desired or omitted is more
convenient. 2 Quarto Bibles are given to me for which not having
room to use I transmit one to you

Mother Hampden
30 May 1850

Hampden 30th May 1850

My Dear Children

I will just speak a word or two to tell you that I arriv'd safely before dark -- rather rough & muddy travelling but I was not very indeed tired found Lucy -- getting better she says -- but she is rather Sluggish -- She rode out a little way today tho' she cannot sit up more than an hour at a time she has been very sick -- but begins to have a little appetite now -- she thinks she shall soon be considerably better -- she probably took cold and she has work'd too hard & I don't believe she'll be so well as she was before for some time -- I am't got a Skien of black worsted for Cord & four tassels for the Pall Cloth -- at if a piece the Skien 10 cents I don't think it will take near all the worsted if there is enough left to foot a pair of stockings I'll take it -- if they wish

I hope you will all of you encourage and assist Mr Temple in his Labor of Love -- I do advise & labor & strive with J. Dolan he must be car'd for -- pray'd for and assisted in his downward course -- How much good he may do in the world if now he should turn and set out in a right course

I'm afraid you won't all be faithful about getting pay for preaching -- I am't will speak to Mr Cuth about carrying cheap -- thinks he will for

dollar a trip.

I wish you would have Lucy come down and
clean up Joseph's room &c &c so that Albin need
not have too much to do — I do you Isaac. It is up and
fix the steam in Joseph's bed because of my sore first
yes I did not do any thing to it for some time. I shall
be thinking about you all — take good care of Jose.
and Charlie — and be good all of you

My love to Mr Temple tell him be of good cour-
age God will prosper his work

Lucy says she began to get better as soon as she
saw me coming — take care and write to me every
day

Lucy says tell Mr Temple he would be pleased
to have him call here tis just a pleasant walk. Mr
Web said he was coming down some time with some
of the students

I am't is just gory I cant write any
more good bye. At M M. to by

Hamptden June 10th

my Dear Children

I write a little to let you know, & because I want to know, whether I ought to ^{come} home I is better rode up to Bangor last week and then was not so well — went to meeting in the fore noon Sunday Monday was not able to sit up an hour — she seems a little better every other day — don't ~~seem~~ appear to have any fever hardly now is I think on the whole convalescent — wants to go to Milo to see you all very much will as soon as next week I think if she is able.

Still she is considerably better she will need me or somebody here — Now I want you should ^{all} tell me what I ought to do — I don't feel just right to be away from J so long — (not that I do him any good when I am there as Isaac does every thing) And I fear that Albin ~~has~~ has too much to do to take care of so many all you lot of boys & Mr Temple — I think your couple of hours pr diem Isaac might be very acceptable to her — have you set up a bed in the east Chamber or any where Lucy has given me some some stuff for Charley a dress so et things better not get any till we come — tell Almida make up Lucys dress but not fix her bonnet till we come if she has not — Lucy you know is good for telling how every thing should be done if she is half sick — does Almida want I should get a pr

Shoes for Lucy. Samuel has spoken with Mr. Cutts
about carrying up the Students he will for
I said he'd give 2 or 3 ^{dollars besides} a dollar a trip. I will pay part of it I guess

I am going to bring up Lucy's Ring for Abner
to look at before she makes hers — ^{better not} ~~color~~ ^{than} ~~old dress~~ ^{great hair}
yesterday I'm afraid the interval is all flowed
again. write soon tell me how you all get
along — take ^{care} of Josie & of Charlie

If Lucy can ~~only~~ get well enough she &
I will come up with Cub ourselves alone (leave
Jane to keep house) but I fear she won't she is
so unwell yesterday & today — but perhaps she'll
be better tomorrow in haste A. M. M.

This afternoon

I myself, Lucy, am at present feeling better —
than I did, without hardly knowing why, except that Jane
brought me some beautiful young Checkerberry leaves,
which I have snatched with much gusto. Mother and I
are having a nice time. I feel sort of selfish and guilty
to keep her here away from Josie so long, but I don't want her
to go till I get well enough to go with her, which I hope will be
soon. Samuel is about concluding to go into the Trade (as Hathorne
is very desirous to have him, and the prospect of an appointment
as Surveyor is slight this year) for \$40.00 per month, until it
starts her right, and after that at the old wages. Jane goes to
school, has nine new books, gets her lessons well, and I guess tries
to do her best in school, but is the same noisy fly away thing as
ever out of school. Though she helps nicely out of school — Abner
must still scold her about a shawl for Charlie — it is only

part of an old dark gingham dress of mine which Mother said
would answer for him, and the rest of which I am making up
for Jane. I want to come to visit Steffely. I think I should
go into Summer quarters there with the rest of you, if I had
not a husband and Jane to look after. How I shall set you
to making "horse stable carpets" when I come, Albina. They
are handsome. Mother forgot to bring her Parasol, and de-
sires some of you to make a suitable measurement of the
quantity of silk necessary to cover it, and communicate the
same soon. Mother wishes, after a suitable and sufficient
inspection of the rag carpet, you would send your opinions, indi-
vidually and collectively as to the propriety and expediency
of getting a new one. I am rolling on the bed - the doors are open
into the dining room, where "Pa and Ma" and Jane are eating
supper. They'll fix me up a mess of coarse bread and slops
supper, by and by - yab. They treat me pretty well though con-
sidering. Tell Almada to hurry and get Lucy's dress done be-
fore I come, and we'll conclude about the rest of her clothes.

Samuel says tell Joseph Fletcher is defaulted - Thurston is
in the way - continued for judgment. Thurston hopes to
get a chance to go west and go into the coal trade. Brandywine
is being stretched. Senator being strod - could not be done when
the other repairs were made last spring, water was so high.

Henry Brown has lately come into possession of a new son.

Samuel is 'bout ready to go - do write a great deal - for Mother's
sake if you don't for mine. good night - Lucy.

Notker & Son.

Hampden

June 10th 1857
14.

Direct
Amie

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to send back myself any thing about it at present you will have enough
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you left of being a bed apart of the forenoon have you not been as
well as usual — I have not any thing very special you know to
keep me in one place more than another so if any of you are
not well at any time and I can be of use put to you I can that
my strength is a short time if you let me know but if all
are well — It seems to me I like better be here at present but
I shall probably move again soon — I shall have a letter from
Joseph tomorrow I guess — I may write again soon & tell us
how all of them you see as for Hope and Lorrain

Angella Everett has got a son so has Mr. Fisher & Mrs.
M. Clench & I don't know how many more — Mr. Fisher has
gone on the river to work she dismissed her nurse before
he came a fortnight old — they have absolutely nothing
to eat except what C. furnishes they have had about
all his wages now and he won't agree to pay him any till
winter they will not move away from Elmwood as this winter
& I don't see hardly how they are going to live till next fall
to say nothing about burying a horse

28th I am some afraid from what Isaac wrote in his last
letter that he will not come any further than Water
ford if Joseph does not come here but I shall feel very
sadly about it if he does not — Joseph I suppose will
think he had better not — If I don't have a letter from
Joseph today what shall I do

Albina has cut and made a best for Charlie out
of his old blue coat all only I am mending the button holes
Charlie sits on the floor before me making a cat he
has got it 4 Cobs high in regular order his Cobs have
rolled under the stove so he goes round to the wood
box and gets a stick to poke them and without asking
my any help he is a person very little better

I am about getting my carpet new or rather a part
of it I want Elab to get me 3 or 4 pounds of Cotton Twine
such as weavers use for harness at Mr. Hughes's or
I can't get all my rags new have sent a lot away &
have got to Mrs. Sumner to sewe shall make another
here if I get some more rags I don't believe you can
or see then I wish I had some ink

My Dear Daughter

17th May 1850

As we confidently expect you to be here next week I must try to think up some errands to plague you with before you come — & by the way Isaac sent to you to get a Carpet now I think and Joseph thinks if we have not already purchased it that you had best let not quite get at any rate — my ^{big} one is now done I have not yet seen it but doubtless it will look well enough for us — A Carpet you ^{could} get and send up after you go back if his thought best — but I should like to have you get some Carpet Thread either or no — And — If his perfectly convenient for you ^{you} may get a shawl for me such as we talked of & pr. of good kid Gloves — I have made a single Bed but have got no narrow sheet for it and shall want some very wide sheeting or some quite narrow & sew it together the very cheap narrow stuff I suppose would do would not it but no matter whether I have it soon or not — and moreover if Sam'l should from any cause conclude not to have the Court this instrument to be null & void — so far as to getting things

you may understand by the grease spot on this letter that I have got a very sore finger have to keep it sore up in a bag a "surround" expect the wound will come off

Mr Temple has been here two weeks just went away to Mr Furber today. he is a neat nice little man all the folks about town seem to be pleased with him

I have just been to light Mr. & Mrs. Galt to bed she has been making a visitation at Uncle Henry's

She went there last Tuesday the pleasure of her visit
was somewhat prevented by the rain altho'
she said she did not mean to get home till Saturday night
uncle Henry got very nervous I don't know but I shall she comes
here this morning will visit Alameda tomorrow.

How cold and rainy it has been the water so high & ground
so wet that C. has not done any of his sowing or planting
Isaac says that he thinks of going away somewhere in about a week
I hardly know how we shall get along without him Joseph needs to
have him or some other man at hand most of the time.

I hope you will not fail of coming up next week. — but he
I do suppose ^{wants to be} ought to be in business if he can find any to do
if he cannot of course he'd better be here.

I hope you'll bring up your dog if it is not
too much trouble I should very much to see it.

I do so want to see my dear Elsie why don't he come
home Tell him that he hasn't been home this long time
I want he should come and tell me all about it. Love
Mama and all the girls.

Moreover Joseph wants Elsie or Sam'l to get a
small bag of buck's wheat also some wheat or grain
meal bring up or send according to convenience.

It is, and be it, hereby understood that all and singular of
the aforesaid and beforementioned writings and sayings
of H. M. McCall which do in any way or form relate to
the subject or matter of "C17/18" are unconditionally and
unconditionally W.M. and W.C. W.C.

Charge ye not ~~the~~ ^{him} ~~whites~~ ^{himself}
(himself)

^{Delays are dangerous}
at least wait till we see mine. Joseph says Isaac is a
genius. Delay not.

Mind your ^{as} ⁱⁿ ^{at} ^{the} ^{way} ^{with} ^{discretion}
This direct soft (p)

B. we moved by foolish ^{considering}
you see he has in effect retracted all he has said
This last sentence will readily perceive is a base slander and unfounded
libel dictated by you.

Milo May 19

Paid

Milo May 18

paid

Robert
Harris

May 18 1854

Dear Susan. How do you get home why not
you let us know & tell us how you find Sam & how are all
and whether he is glad to see you. I've a lot of things I want
to say to you that I ought to have said when you were here but
forgot besides a great many that have occurred to me since
but I can't think of any thing that is just right to say
now, or as I think of it, I'm so confused with finishing up
for other letters for you and mine.

C. handed you \$3.00 with which I believe they want
you to get 20 yds of "Cotton C" good for shirts with linen (4 or 5 yds)
then unbleached thread & shirt buttons, also table cloth & crash
if convenient for you to get them and if it was not so much
trouble I think so when he has so much to see to I should
want you to get some a little money. Such will be C's
allowance sent for eggs and get a 1/2 doz. knives & forks. She never can
but no matter you will have enough else to do or ought
to have.

I want 10 yds of the 4 cent Cotton Cloth so you
had better get a ^{whole} piece.

So write often I want to know how you get along
every day.

Mothers

James H. Fisher
Hempden

My Dear Children

Isaac wont let me write a word in his letter nor see it so Joseph says I must write and explain the Movement — He has got most enough for two week, fast & Meat enough for 2 or 3 days so if you are not coming as soon as is reasonable or Friday at furthest he want you some Meal and Mush stuff by stage soon (I be sure that you bring up the letter Isaac has just written to you) we kept looking for you all the day last week

We are making a ~~stagnant~~ effort to raise some money today for preaching. Chs & others & I myself mean to make out some 15 or 20 dollars & if you have anything to give for any such purpose I am thinking that it is perhaps your duty to help poor miserable Miss — The H. M. Society will furnish just as much as we will pay ourselves. I will pay one half — will send a Missionary to abide with us probably from among the Graduating Class at Bangor & his thought that the Students will (each one a Sabbath) supply us till that time if they can come and go with out expense to them where cannot Mr. Gull be induced to bring them up very cheap — I cannot you induce other Milcites that were, to help — ^{& Charles} Wm. Densnell &c. &c.

Mrs. Livermore's my Carpet is all lost — a week or brought

Milo

Mother's Portcalf

Mrs. J. H. Funder

Sept 19

A.M.M. to L.H.F. I wrote to you to get me 10 yds 24 cent cotton cloth if you have ^{this} it at ^{it's} hand, if you have not, get it when convenient or not at all if not convenient I don't want to use it at present I am somewhat disturbed at the idea of your washing and working so very smart, beware, take care of yourself, you are not made of iron don't be so solicitous, or so particular about your work as to endanger your health, would you be willing to suffer months or years of pain & anguish rather than that your work should be delayed or your household affairs should be disarranged? remember now, & be good

21 Albina has got ~~the~~ trained to it so that she is really a great help to her about her work when there is no other here she does nicely, is very quiet, kindhearted and ready to do a service to any

24th

24th The "Bag" came to hand last night the things all right and well very much obliged to you & Eliab for all your trouble - Albina says she has got one dollar for her Eggs which she will send towards paying for what you get for her ^{Crash buttons &c &c} if you get a great many funds of Eliab, you can hand it to him (Charles was exceeding gratified, pleased, & delighted, and grateful for Eliab's letter and its contents had an opportunity to send the money right to Dover the same day, early in the morning of the same day he offer'd to sell all his Cows & young Cattle to Mr. Monroe for 110\$ (4 Cows, 4 two years old) but Monroe would give but 9\$ so they did not trade, he means to sell 2 Cows if he has a chance kill one heifer & sell one rather has sold one for Steers he John to pay him for his work

What shall I do to Joseph because he will read all the time from morning till night, in the evening and while he eats even. Tell Eliab I have been feasting on Tomatoes with great zest and comfort "they is good"

For more perfectly spiritual, as of ink and ~~and~~ paper we are flesh

Bedar Grove Sept. 1856

20 At some convenient opportunity perhaps in the winter

doing and afraid you do too much of it - be "Keen" M^y tell you
often glad your ~~friend~~ ^{brother} engaged & all that & that you are able to work and
comes I should like to have you send me the loan of

"Capitular Works" also purchase and send me a small
Testament such as the Bible Pedlar had when you were
here with binding like Mother's Testament & Psalms the
price of which I suppose at Durness Depository would
be one dime.

24 Can you get no redress or measure of Ashes from the Sellers? Care should
be exercised in dealing with Quakers a member of that shrewd Sect
had a Vessel at sea which was wrecked, on hearing of its loss he
immediately wrote as follows to a Broker with whom he had previously
had some indefinite conversation about insuring it "Friend - if
thou hast not ~~filled~~ filled up the policy I spoke to thee of, thou
needest not, as I have heard from the Vessel" The Broker catch-
ing at the chance of securing a premium without a risk
immediately filled out the policy and sent it to the Quaker
saying that he had completed ^{it} before receiving the letter. The next
morning he read the loss of the vessel in his Newspaper

A preventive to the visits of Charles Harlow I am unable to prescribe
It is said that a young lady of Milo once arrested the visits of
Wm Carver Esq by the adroit and timely presentation of a slice
of bread & butter it hath moreover been often remarked by nat-
uralists that a period may be put to the infestments of ~~noxious~~
noxious animals by the dexterous affusion of them with
heated water whether either of these remedies however
are potent to relieve your difficulty I am unable to predict

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The Belins 3 daughters the Sen Captains wife & Eliza are making her a visit - the young ones have a visiting house & 1 room at Alameda's Joseph sends a little slip cut from the latest Traveller - I wish to color your photograph do with soon & often - send me if convenient by return or some way a very little in detail to E. S. H.

Let Eliza be as well as good long better from him

Edith will please credit the Ballance for the Eggs 22⁵ to Alameda - tell him so

Alameda

Harvard

Miss J. W. Foster

Joseph Schenck

bedon grave Nov. 7. 1880

Leo Jick,

Your children Almada are getting along all nice
apparently ever so much better, probably, than if you
were with them, I guess Lucy makes quite a housekeeper
probably she will not get your sewing done but you can soon
do that when you return. James has gained a little of a
cure. Hannah didn't want to go to Prayer meeting
now here Lucy C. & Albany went up to the school house
but as it happened there was no meeting Mr. Wilson has
not returned to this town or had not last night. His
supper that he can have the Carver house $\frac{3}{4}$ mile
from the Village of he near to it

Report says that Mr Robert Cuthb has a very bad knee
has to have watches every night Some suppose he will
be worse the necessity of having his limb taken off
but probably Saml is better informed about it than
we are — Charles will go to the Village Monday afternoon
~~but it is very likely that he should happen to find the~~
~~dent. - some thing may~~ to come Monday his enough to make
a smaller version than Lucy nervous at least to have
have 3 such great smart Maids to manage as Nurse Al
Mina & you. If Almada gets worse she can call on Mrs
Finneyan. Lucy must think & be careful of herself

Mrs Polly Sargent is sick — had the Dr. is some the new
Inflammation of the Bowels worked to her & took care

I told Lucy to bring her washing down here & I'd help her
do it but she washed herself before I knew it such things as
she thought would be needed, washed her floors, & I scolded yesterday

Friday morning my dear daughter. I have
reflected much on the goodness of God towards afflictions.
He has somewhat more of the he has given you a loving
call to draw near to him, to live nearer to him all
your life. O pray me all consider it, be warmed by it,
and try to think more of the glory that shall
be revealed and less of the fading fa-
shions and vanities of this perishing
world.

Lissie says she don't care about reading
the Childs Book on the soul ^{any more} for it don't say any
thing about God hardly & she likes best to read
books that have in them a great deal about
praising God.

James has come to go with the
little good bye

mother

Mr. J. W. Fisher

Surgeon
Hillsboro



Cedar Grove

be
just

renewed

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How are you coming up or are you still in the same old place
very much that if you can't or if you want, let me know. I am
in need of a chair for my bed, ~~my~~ Charles has not
done buying yet. Lest he should fail of having his money to
pay for help in haytime he paid his help before hand Mr.
Boobar, Kicker, & Wicks hay. Therefore get disappointed of them all
but Kicker who has come now a fortnight after the time but
they'll get there next week I suppose. I strongly proposed to send
you some raspberries but all the folks said I could not
and you glad to hear I am in better of health. But don't
forget to tell me some of your news. I told Eliza, as
usual. We have just received your letter, you give me \$100
I am very much obliged to you for it. I am sure I can
hardly make any use of it. I am sure it will be a
enough to keep me and back of you. I am sure you
you complain about not being able to get a new one.

James we had had one from you but perhaps not I find your list
in regard to L. but I suppose there is no help for it. her mother
w'd be just so. his constitution cannot

James says we'd get up quite a letter. I'm writing & will send
it in one form & that you had given us no credit ~~for it~~ for

we cannot conveniently write to Eliab at this time & therefore
James wants you should request him to get a few quires of
paper some ink a few of Shovel & Longs four cheap Castors
to put on the old Card Table - and bring them up when he comes

& if convenient for you you may get for me a shies of new
bleached Cotton & a 48 spool. I wish you would write me more particularly

about your health you may if you please furnish Eliab some
money to get these things and charge it to me or if that is
not to hurry & get them. As to Joseph's being better I cannot

perceive any difference from week to week but I see by your
note he is as he has been very gradually growing more nervous
it is difficult for him to get his food & drink to his mouth

I can hardly bear to think of it, but the probability is that he
will by & by be unable to do it - His voice seems some weaker
than it wd be he cannot well wash himself now

Aug. 9. 1850

Me to her i.e. Joseph to Lucy

Write they write? Bless you indeed we sent what we thought
to be for us very much of a letter which you have not taken the
least notice of nor acknowledged it at all. We are so busy making
ing shirts & mending coats for Alfred that we had not time
to write to you. Don't carrying they? I wanted you to remember
particulars as well as immediately about botanizing
& fixing Horbarius &c but I have all along I have by I sus-
pected you had not ought to, if you conclude to think so please
just I shall — Joe is getting well they? I authorize you to
give the reports an emphatic contradiction when ever it
may have spread thanks your agency I believe it to be
entirely ~~incorrect~~ — a very natural mistake on Alfred's
perhaps, from seeing me "heart" in botanizing & Trip thephology
well that'll do. You havint learnt to spell Tuesday yet they? yah!
green peas they? So done & beans too

H. A. Moore is going off west they? If you care
for enquiring you ascertain that to be the fact please
do it without troubling yourself too much please get
and give her for me to carry away with her.

If you can find ^{it} "Lady of the Lake" Handsomely print-
ed extra binding gilt edge — she is one of my most
highly esteemed friends the number of which is very
small game is number to every this

I have been fixing lots of things for your picture and
scrub book and will send them by Elish

Mother of my son

Bradford M.
Carpenter

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Mrs. S. W. Furbur

Bunker
Me.

Joseph has commenced giving lessons in
the arithmetic. He will very much need that Map of
U.S. ^{from the last year} I am sorry we could not have contriv'd to get it
here before now. If you have any convenient op-
portunity I wish you would send it. Moreover I
wish you would ~~let Jane dig up a lot of that Duck~~
~~root in back of your house & send it up if there is~~
~~a good chance I want it to put in some Syrup for~~
~~Joseph - there is not much of it growing about here~~
now, we did not have a single letter yesterday I thought
beside we should get one from you & one from Ann

I expect you are so hurried with work as usual
that you can hardly spare time to breathe — but — if
you don't heed my warnings you may have to repent
that's all —

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There is money enough to pay for your share
the money is in the bank

Oct 14th J. C. H. de Says that your last year is given up and
the right time which usually grows in the spring of the
water that wheat has been made 20 barrels he has sold
a cow for 15. A little later in the year I am going to
Alameda has lost her native yearling Hayer topper it is
gone off with some one to Bridgman. Mr. Henry L. Sargent
has been, for some with a new cattle taken & in some to
move as soon as the present prices onto the farm at the
corner both of them. He also has a 1000 horses & 8000 cows
live in - Jennette H. H. H. has been married to Walter Stark
and her father has bought him a farm in Dover & moved
onto it. He means to move to New York. H. H. H.
Joseph L. Sargent has got a son, Mr. H. H. H.

Yours of Sept 30. was written in haste, I am, greatly engaged
about the business of raising a 4. Sam again you have seen,
Securing for her earnings from now to the first of Jan.
a Co. in seems to be an highly interesting & appendage to a
Vessel. If a suitable & later in the year is not more copies
the ten or so I am out the Cooper on a small boat being extremely
by a person with a long snow, is a good much to en-
quire of tomorrow morning one he is for the 1st of Jan
the Lurils are a very large & small variety. Several
Several of them among the small & at leasting Captain
& the younger ones are doubtless to acquire renown in
the same way. I will not know that tomorrow morning
I am sure I am sure you miss it. I am sure, in speaking
of your equines - "Lurils" - yarr!

I'll do what I can to send some of them over to you

Mother's Cell

Mrs. L. H. Furber

Chicago

Illinois



I am so glad you are coming right along
soon. But how can I have Ann go right away
again. It's Midnight & very cold I must not stop
to write much, but I want to say to you that
Joseph ought to have another pr of good warm
Blankets you know my old bedclothes are not
so good and warm. He don't want I should get any
but you can tell Eliab & do what you think
best - If you will get you a pr & bring 'em with
you I will pay for them as fast as I get able.

I have put 3 or 4 old Comforters on his bed in
stead of a Mattress - I intended to make some
more but I have not been able ^{to do} scarcely any
thing since since Ann went away for want of
time. I have been so taken up that I have neg-
lected or forgotten to do or say about the Lounge
perhaps we can make it do, this winter it may
be we must have Joseph's bed in this room
before long he is very feeble.

I don't think Charles would very well fix a lounge;
he does have a very hard time I'm

Prother Sec. 1850

Dougherty

A vessel wth loading at Musquash, near St. John, a few days since, with deals for England, named the Ann, which conveyed General Wolfe to Quebec, about the year 1757. She is said to be 100 years old, and was used in the olden time as a British transport.

Bedar Grove Dec 16. /50

J. M. To be. Viz: E. W. M., S. W. F., E. A. K., L. H. M. F. and other enquiring Friends each being requested to pick out his own privacies:—The cares of a rapidly increasing family do not leave me much time to write as you will readily admit when you reflect that three generations of people are here concentrated here upon a single point.—I want some money, in the course of three weeks 2 or 3 dollars will amply suffice some one of the recipients of this letter having funds of mine in his possession is authorized and requested to transmit, by some convenient opportunity as for instance the migration of his kindred we have a capacious & respectable woodbox I should like to know what Samuel is about this winter The connected printed Slip is sent for a crumb of comfort for owners of venerable vessels Was not Charles Harlow one of the persons lost at the burning of the Insane Hospital We have been for some time in non receipt of expected packages containing sundry Books stove pipes &c. Eliab is requested to remember the injunction to prepay all packages sent to me by Stage or Teamsters

We have stopped taking the "Bangor," therefore send us all the Bangor news you can

The Governor recommends to you to remember the

poor on thanksgiving day. So think of us at that time
~~time~~ I should like to have Eliza & Saml send
me statement of account to Jan 1st if convenient.

J. M. Melcutt

But do not my Daughters have so much care and anxiety
and labor about cooking as to allow yourselves no time or
thought for thankfulness & gratitude for your unnumera-
ble mercies & blessings I should like to write a good
deal more but I really cannot get time I am
hoped you must come and we'll talk it all
at. M. M.

Mother Dec. 16 - 1850

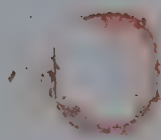
E. W. Metcalf or

L. W. Furber

Bunker
maire



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To my Darlings

Wm. 1st 1841

They talk of coming down in the car tomorrow
all winter talk & all about it. But they can't go
to meeting no for church Sunday but to school
& Sabbath school. What a faithful office & I long it is
about 12 in school without her & really believe we
should have none. I called up to Mr. Lawrence today or two
since she is trying to get out two other boys to S. S. I told
her I saw some of them, for of fear to them that I had bought
the old boat and also for boat. The second very thankful for
the offer was by the way there. Mr. L. is at work at
Bangor you know, he sent word to her to get cloth at
the corners for her children's clothes. So last Tuesday she
she walked clear over the water 8 miles & - Maunabo
would not hurt her. - She was highly incensed said
they had paid him full 300\$ good pay for goods since he
had & added there & did not give him any thing. He is a
mean scamp. - Kicker & those of his that ever gave a long
looking quite smart and decent. Mrs. Bennett has helped
them a good deal in the way of old clothes.

I want to go to Bangor & would be willing to come here this week
if it not for taking care of my work & fixing it for Mrs. L. to
him. I have already been in the old wooden bed quilt & &c
and because I don't know but I had better wait and go to the Co.
conference at Sebec the 17th & 18th of this month. It is not
afternoon near enough so that we can go. Have you got any
lens or any place to keep any. I'll tell you about going to Bangor
when I come. She's gone to house keeping & I believe where I ever come
to live I shall go any work one since you have been busy doing
nothing & I am

James will tell you about Mr. Lindsey's death.
had better stop & try to get the Commission I don't know
whether ~~the~~ circumstances will permit or not

To your stronger half
B. says because and ask enough for the cows for she is
really good, would be glad to have you keep her a few days
or a week till she gets over her journey, hopes you'll get
30 or 35 dollars for her but says he don't know any thing
about the price of cows will be satisfied with what
ever you get, you will please hand the money to
Ehab if ye get it

Alma is exceedingly well please write
her again soon

Yours for ever

Wile 14 Oct 1851

There is a kind of pleasure in being under no restraint, or perhaps more properly a gratification of indulgence, for instance I can sit down to work in the most perfect negligee in regard to dress or any thing else, nobody knows, & nobody cares

The Children too can take comfort in pairing down on ^{as they have just worn} to my carpet, the little rug ^{is} full of ^{dirty} play things of every sort & then Lucy Jane & Charlie racing through the rooms with any quantity of mis on their feet crawling the baby about — Such little things would bear any aince to you somewhat as it would be to me to sit for ink's up ready to receive and chat in words without meaning with hollow hearted "Callers"

15 I forgot all about giving James any money to pay his expenses on the way up, but you will some of you see that he is supplied — Mrs. Dickson has some the flannel it is not extremely nice but will wear well perhaps, I went up to Almada's yesterday (4 o'clock) & washed my blankets took down & prepared ever so much material to make quilted skirts I have rip'd Lucy's cloak & washed it ready to make a new one I am somewhat talked about buying stuff "Aunt Harriet" carried of all Albion rags to make a rug but perhaps I shall pick up something

Albion wants to let you have a cheese & I guess it is a good one, & Almada has one for you too Albion has got most a barrel of Butter in lumps they call it

I was sure I would not have my brush so I put it in to my travelling bag every day after using it for most a week — & left it at last

good
if has kept perfectly sweet and good in Brine made of pure
Salt & loaf sugar with much care & pains but I do not like
the flavor of it quite so well as some you have had from the
Market, we intended to send a box of it for you to try to. I mean
to warm weather — I want you & Sam'l I shall talk over
and conclude whether I had better go back to B- or not & what
I shall say to Ellice I should really like best to spend the
winter here if you will be here too. that would be just what
I should like But if you cannot think it best to come here
then I am equally ready & willing to spend the winter
there or here as shall be thought best

Eliab talks that if he does not go South he shall want a
boarding place for himself & Susan so you must be prepar-
ing to dismiss Tabbets and make room, And we'll be a jolly
crew if I come back there and we'll train him ^(Eliab) up about
right — But to be serious I really wish Eliab would be some-
times more frank & open hearted

16 I feel strong & well (for me) & can see enough to do & if
I had ten times as much strength & a dozen pair of hands
I could find full employment not for myself but so much
fixing up, all round for winter — & some how I can't get much
time to work there is so much hindrance of every sort
looking over & concluding how to do what, with which, &c &c
this afternoon I must go to sewing circle.

18 I was going to write some more before I sent it
but there is a chance to send it along. I'll only
say that Mr Charles thinks that Mr. Gilman
would be glad to ^{work on} your house & wants a bit cheap
and we'll & if you wish him would like to know 6 months
beforehand

I am "kinder" glad I have caught the time, I
thought I was a little sorry at first

perhaps he has been calculating that he & you could
get a habitation somewhere together so that he & his son
might have the benefit of your society
I sent this away this morning ^{by Reicher} but it came back again
the stage was gone

Can either of you recollect whether Saml did hand me a ~~5~~
five dollar bill this morning when we "kinder" looked over?
It seems to me that he did & that he handed me another
five for Almada & that he after gave me smaller bills
in charge for one of them — If so I don't know as we got
the matter right after all our fussing and heaving
laugh ~~for~~ these is no charge ^{against me} of the five dollars
on the ~~paper~~ paper you gave ^{me} please inform you, or
in your next — We got Lucy's Sague Chouk cut out yesterday,
today I have made it, all but

Charles has just ~~had~~ a letter from Robinson which seems
to be intended to frighten or invite him into a settlement
with Chase

Poor E. had a hard time with
his Chickens did n't he — But he was more prophetic than
he need to be perhaps some that were left here were
sweet and good cooked Wednesday — perhaps picking
did not agree with them — I wish we had kept them
all at home — "But — there — what's the odds?"
Sunday night what a horrid day it has been am I not glad
I did not go to meeting Charles, Almada, & Alburn went
Till Ehab to write to me & I will write to him as often as he
will to me — James said the cows came right along without
any trouble did n't stop to be ferring over the river when they got
here but I was right across was glad to get home I suppose

Mothers Oct. 18. 51

This little overture Stave takes boxes as much as
you can & don't keep the room half as warm

COPIED

Mrs. L. H. Furber

Bourges

Maria

Mrs. Kimball
said the man that
is going to have surgery
leave with the
mother

Dear Daughtry

Wils 26th Oct. 1851

Thank you very much for your letter of 20-23
hope to have occasion to thank Elsie for a good long
one soon. I stay at home today because I have a cold
and head ache. Lizzie to keep the cow from the
corn yard to help take care of little Josie who
gets up alone in the floor and walks alone some
& creeps some. All the rest & Charlie are gone to
meeting. I am so glad you are getting well so
soon but I rejoice with trembling lest you be
cleared down again in a few days. Take care & charge
you and go forward. Am very glad to hear of
Elsie's being so well employed. Moreover I
think it would on the whole be no loss to him
if he should "loaf" all this winter if thereby
he can get a well back & sound health.

provided nevertheless that he should not get
so fond of the business as not to be willing to leave
it off. In the mean time he might get him
a wife if he can any body that would have him.

I don't exactly understand who it was that as
loved him so & however I feel rather sorry if it
was Mag' for I ~~see~~ ^{see} much like the family
so far as I had opportunity to know any thing
about them. As we have but one life to live in this
world and that a short one, I don't see why it would not
be a good plan for Saml & Elsie to go in to business

I have not got any more before but no more

together in a small way I take the Mill next summer
& make Lumber & sell it. They have neither of them
Talents so versatile & brilliant that they need think
~~that~~ they can remove mountains or turn the course
of rivers—Let them trust in the Lord & do good and
wisely they shall be fed—If they are willing to eschew
ambition, cast in their lot with the Multitude, Pass along
with the Crowd, unknown & unnoticed, they might accom-
plish as much good & enjoy as much happiness as falls to
the common lot & what claim have any of us to any
thing more than that

Send me any news that you get from
Isaac. I want much to hear from him, I have a kind
of presentiment that he is sick again

We designed to send you some letters by V. Sargent
to day but it is so rainy & muddy that C. Thorny'll
best not to go down on purpose this morning

The Corner School begins a week from next Mon-
day Almada has got to make hoods for her Girls &
I don't know what else to get them ready to go she
don't know what to make them of nor how to make
'em she has about given up the idea of knitting
them— I have about concluded to go back to Bangor
I hardly know where—I had better—I think if you are
so smart we three can do all that is really necessary
to be done but I am afraid you'll get dreadful sick
of it to have to be Mind & Memory for me and
Regulator for Jane—& if you think you had

"rather more" say so plainly right off—Jane is very
well & "Strong as a Moose" & most as wild—tho' I
think she has improved very much in governing
temper & tongue—Is it worth while if I go down
to let Charlie go down with me & stay till his father
& Mother goes down—Charles I believe is determined
to inflict a visit upon you sometime this fall or
first of winter—When does Frances want to
go away—Mrs Livermore has not sent
home that little piece of Carpeting that she
was going to receive about the time I went
to Bangor yet—I have not done any thing at
kneep & guess I shall not for the time seems to
be all taken up—with I don't know what—mending
& "fussing"—I have covered a box for a cricket
knit a pair stockings for sewing cinche

Trini's Lucy's sack with some old black fringe
that you or Ann gave to Alameda—it looks—
passably well—black velvet on the sleeves & bottoms

Charles is husking evenings—he does work very
hard—has been troubled with piles considerably
last summer occasioned by heavy hard work
He did about 1000 worth of work on Alameda's farm
which proves to be a perfect loss to him and her.
Hector & Joseph Sargent did her haying and did it
faithfully and cheap—write much and often
and get well fast by being ^{careful} not to get along "too fast"
it hinders a good deal to stop & go back every now & then
Good bye

Wednesday 29th

Prother Oct. 1851.

Mr. Lucy H. Furber

Wenger

Warrick



Thank you Eliab for your good letter. &
you too for yours. Lucy had said I must be before
receiving yours — can go down next day home if
you & Saml both think it best — wish you could
come up 28th but I fear it might be too much for
you. B. received a letter from Isaac today Dated
Jonesboro Oct 9th — I don't think he is very well or
very well contented but probably he had better
not come home in cold weather but I hope he will
not stay another winter season.

B. says if you all come 28th he'll kill the gobble
Turkey if it should be good weighing it would do for you

It seems from your letter, that you have
had later news from Isaac than we. I think Isaac
is clever about sneaking house & liberating but not so much
so perhaps I guess he will not regret it — what
will E. do — you must stir up Mr. Tabbells
& provoke him to good work. — So you have
a visit from Miss Tower I wonder if I shall
ever have that pleasure — we are feasting
upon Buckwheat cakes now a days — what a prospect
we do have the river is very high & it flows down still
Friday noon

Monday morn

I have not ~~been~~ seen Alice or heard a word from her & I don't know just what to say to her when I do

I think that some more care & cognisance of your cooking affairs ^{&c} would not be injurious to you but the contrary, if in consequence you would not "overdo" - at any rate if you should have Jane and some there you would be in no danger from envy.

I think that I am physically able to do your work with James help - I should of course be forgetful & stupid and incapable in many things but the deficiency in that quarter you might supply in a measure at least without much exertion of body & limits

What very fine weather we have had this week past - And a fine shower at this present time

Jane has completely outgrown all her clothes she is a great strong girl & you will find she will need considerable "training" not so much perhaps in regard to her temper as you would expect I think she has improved in that but her habits of spending her time and her want of faithfulness and thoroughness about her work have not been growing better as might be expected for somebody must run at every call & see to baby &c &c insisted that it was best to kill a lot of chickens that were very troublesome about getting the corn but the weather is so warm that I am afraid they'll not begin

Wether Nov. 1851.



E. W. Metcalf
Mills
Mr

James is going down the Erie tonight & some of
senior have thought it is not convenient to be out, and
considerable thing, and he must go to his office, and
go to his home but he is coming, and reaching
& then ^{me} a considerable number. It did not seem like
home here especially the first few days quite so much as
I expected but I shall soon feel settled more and get along
I suppose as the old way as usual. I didn't get any work
done till Wednesday - got carpet down & fix'd a little thing.

Wednesday Mr W. Parker is to be here (on his way to the vil-
lage where he delivers an excellent Lecture on Slavery and
Manners & Literals of Schools) Almida was here, he slept to
be sure, we were not in very excellent fix, but we have a real
good family that kept. I & I about Ministers, Jones, &
Partidge, Meeting house &c. Charles & Maria Long
and I went down to hear the Lecture.

Thursday afternoon. There was a donation list at the
Everetts for Mrs Partidge!! of Mr Everetts getting up
the avails & premiums are not great but substantial not
roughnuts principally but such things as they can pay
home & use, some money (little) Dr Shepher & wife came out
with Mr P. I had some talk with the Shepher (she is not
a great body) but she speaks very well of Mr P. seems to think
he will get a long windy and engaged & is like better than was
expected &c. - I have washed my glasses & minor furniture
&c. & looked my glasses for dinner ^{at three} - I have a rabbit, a squirrel a partridge & a few jays, sent to the village
in the evening. Thursday afternoon to the donation, don't you think I've

been pretty smart for me. — My lame back was better & I
got here now in 10 days. — Elsie has been driving round
seeing her stock & all her men & women & I came and
a most sick. Saturday night half past 10 ^{at night} we have just got
done picking & dressing chickens it took a long time they were
so full of pinfeathers poor outline is very nice more than
I know.

Elgin, Conn. Sept 14th /59

My Dear Son

I want to know how & when you got home Saturday from Bangor with your so many Barrels &c

Charlie went to meeting in the A.M. at noon I asked him if he wanted to go P.M. he said no he didn't feel well he had headache & Diarrhea ~~so~~ I had him go to bed he had high fever all night I was not well enough to start Monday & so E. wrote to Isaac & we waited till Tuesday morning & then ~~we~~ I all the way in the car - Isaac met us at the depot in Boston. Left W. & A. sleep at the Sunday house (we were just 12 hours from Bangor to Boston) Isaac got a coach, took care of the baggage took Charlie & went back to the Sunday House & Anna Mary & I went to Mrs. Child's

Stayed till 3 o'clock Wednesday when we
went to the Car, & did not leave them
except to change Car till we arrived at
Elyria Thursday evening about 7 o'clock (27
hours from Boston) — Isaac paid 2,00 extra
for sleeping Car, ^{for us all} from Albany to Cleveland
we paid half price for E. & M from Bangor
to Boston — Isaac got her along the rest of
the way free — They have both been very
very good Children & seem to be very hap-
py — Mary had one cry the not long
the night we got here — we were all very
tired Charlie had a very sore Mouth (canker)
almost a week but is very well now

H. & Mattie gave us some all waat Pe-
ruine for Mary aches which is better
than we should have got for her.

Our whole expense from Bangor to
Elyria 23, for Me 13 for Charlie (he had
lodging Breakfast & dinner at the Quincy
house) and 2.50 for Mary because a little

fruit & on the way — I expect the
Children will both begin to go to school
next week — We found the folks at the
the Dr at the Depot looking very glad

We abound in fruit here just now
Peaches, Pears, Grapes & Tomatoes by the
Bushes! They are Canning preserving
& drying to ~~preserve~~ ^{save} it for fruit decay
here very soon after it is ripe

Nettie tho' she has two girls is busy
as a bee taking care of fruit — picking
drying putting up & labeling Pears
Beans & other Garden matters of various
kinds for seed next year — She is a
very careful housewife tho' not very
thorough they are going to send away
one of the girls soon. Charles takes
care of the cows & pigs — Isaac has got the
prettiest pigs I ever see running as a dog

Tell Josie I want he should study
& read some every day.

I am some arlarm'd of Charles reading.
Isaac says he've him read time 2 hours
every day he is some afere. he want
pass examination he wants him to
get into the first Class in the seconding
school — I think he will try to learn
Isaac says he is more concerned but he
will make a good scholar — all the
because he is not a parrot as he calls
it i.e. always talking says he will
think — I hope he will do well but
we don't know yet

Charles wants I should tell you to gather
your hop he has just been picking this
he wants you should make him all about
the pic. nic in the cedar grove if they have
one & what they do the last day of school
& how you get along with the work & of the
beans are all pulled & whether you have

had any more

Chilo Dec 22nd 1835

My Dear Son, I have suffer'd considerable anxiety about you because of the extreme cold last week. I am not you very cold before you get there how do you like your place and employment? Did you call on Mr. P. what did you say to him and what did he tell you. You will of course try to be a good boy & do your duty in every respect towards Mrs. Parker and her family endeavor to be cheerful and pleasant constantly - I advise you to make a confidant of Mrs. Parker I know or think I know that she is a kind hearted Christian woman therefore tell her your feelings and troubles if you any and write to me all you feel and think - be earnest and engaged in trying to benefit yourself - now is your time for improve ment - I charge you my Dear boy not to neglect reading the Bible and prayer consider that your Safeguard your talisman I want you should attend the Sabbath school constantly and endeavor to get your lessons and understand them well and pay good attention and try to profit by the sermons you hear. Remember you are hearing and learning for a time only. Eternity and not think too much about what your fellow creatures will think of you - probably very few will notice you at all and it is of very little consequence what those few think of you compared with the approbation of God and of your own conscience.

You know and believe that "one thing is needful" be often at the throne of Grace God is equally accessible to the humble praying soul from every place and though we are separated for a time may our prayers often ascend together to that God whose ear is always open to the petitions of the humble penitent - Let your first thoughts in the morning be towards God in praise and prayer for direction and guidance through the day. 27th I expected a letter from you last week I hope you have one all ready to send by Mr. Forrest Turner who will carry this - if you have not done it I want you should get your ~~patron~~ ^{patron} for a jacket and send it by him - I shall try to have him call at Mrs. Parkers as he goes in tomorrow and as he returns the next day. I shall send you two for Mockings your Grammar & if you should want any other books that we have here write and I'll send them. Have you bought any books? what do you study? how do you get along? but in the first place what school do you go to? your Masters name? No. of scholars &c? Do you have any time to study evening? Furnish your self with books but be as economical about it as you can with - I prophesied perhaps you can very consistently borrow some you can ask Mrs. Parker (or Mr. Tomeroy) Don't suffer yourself to be retarded in your studies for want of books do be diligent and try to be victorious in all you do and you'll get the more time for study write write particularly keep a journal

From your affectionate Mother
A. M. Hittell

those hat soles put in your boots to prevent wearing out your
stockings — Mr Frost boards here in Studying Charles is to
begin school about the middle of January Eliak sends love to you
he is a very good boy he can ride the colt down to water and can
thrust with both fork of oxen &c

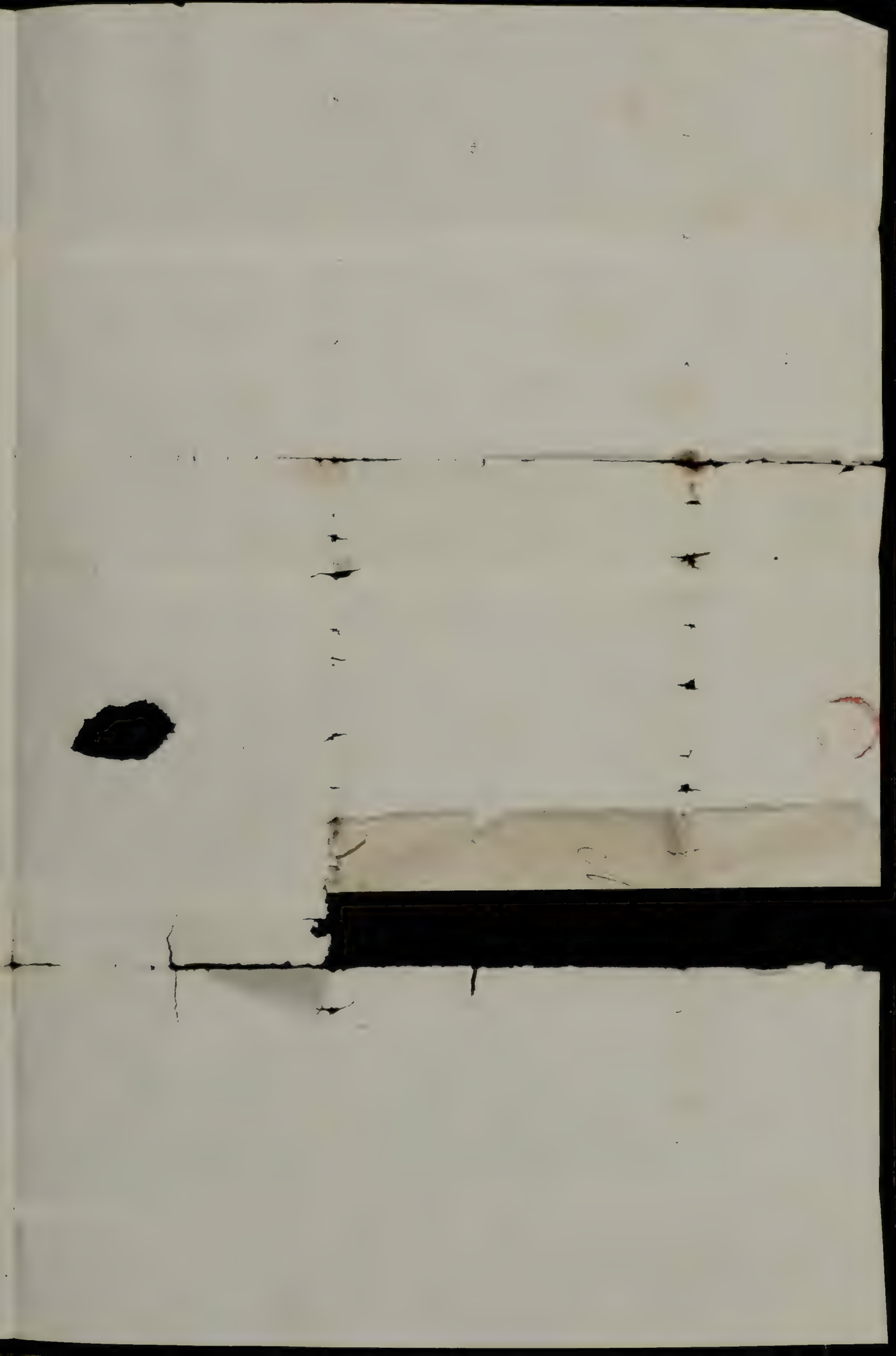
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Mr. Grant's History

Boston



Bangor Me. Jan. 15th 1836

Dear Mother

When Charles was down I stayed out of school in the forenoon. Charles said that he should be back to Mrs. Parkers. by 11 or 12 o'clock for the bundle. I waited till after 2 (school time) in hopes of seeing him, but he did not come and when I came home from school the girl said that he had just went away from here so I went down in hopes of seeing him but could not. At Mrs. Pickney's made my jacket, it is not done yet. On the 14th as I was going to school I heard somebody ^{a woman} calling Isaac I could not think who Thomas at first I went and opened her the way to

Mr. Tomroy's she stayed there till the 13th about noon then went to Mrs. Fitts's. She did not start for Boston till I don't know yet - Wednesday 7

me to school in the morning. On the 15 she gave me a letter for you and told me to send those pantaloons to be fixed. In sewing I want to have my knees on the wood ^{some} of the time and my clothes are so thin that there is a

little hole in these black clothes! I thought that I would send them white mittens up to have them leathered for they have holes in them. I start for school at 1/4 of 9 the first thing is reading a chapter in the Bible in the morning

Wednesday afternoon is nearly all devoted to Reading and Speaking. I have

once All the reading and Parsing. I meant to have told Charles of it. So

I should like it. Takes every forenoon to Writing but any one is at liberty

chooses if he gets his lessons well. There is not any special attention to write as much of the time as he

Mayo 2 pages to go by - Aunt Esther I wrote a long letter to

Ann Lucy and so forth. I meant to have wrote to

but had not time I wish that if you have

got my vest done that it would not make I like this one for it

keeps the under flap concern wont stay up and if I pin it up the it

pulls right out before I pin it so that it does very well though. I forgot to

ask Charles how the hay went. I am in a great hurry to know about it

Eliab must write all about it - how much the boys and cow neighbors like the

shed is full of wood and the threshing done - and about the store and every thing else he can think of. I am most ready to begin the Reader I suppose my jacket is done I shall get it tonight. I suppose that school has begun. I suppose my write all about it. Aunt went in the accommodation stage. I. S. Metcalf.

Dec 31st 1835 My Dear boy I recied a letter from you yesterday it was
not altogether so handsome a letter as I hope to receive from you before
your term of school is out - but however I was very glad of it indeed - I did n't once
think of your being sleigh sick - yours was a very good letter on the whole
but I should like to have you still more particular for instance whether
you got over being sick so as to eat a good hearty supper whether you got
comfortably ^{warm} before going to bed whether you sleep warm and comfortably
what Mr. D. said to you &c &c - I think I shall send your coarse jacket as
as I have opportunity and the cloth for your other suit and ~~make~~ ^{make}
I made up as you can if the Tailors wont cut a pattern they'll cut the
cloth if they can get a chance. you can ask Mrs. Parker - perhaps she
is acquainted with some woman who makes up clothes where you
can get them done without much more cost than it would be here
I am very sorry you couldnt have had them before you went - you had
better buy you a Comforter you can get one good enough probably for
50 cents & perhaps less - you say Mrs. D. has a girl & she is a queer "critter"
It has caused me a good deal of anxious thought if she is as ignorant simple
and coarse as quintin Ann that lived with us I shall feel the less concern
about you as I know you would feel so much disgust that she would not
have much influence over you but if she is a person of agreeable man-
ners and pleasant and kind towards you - and yet artful uneducated &
unprincipled then beware at any rate take care of your time and
your thoughts remember that you have an immortal mind a Soul
that must Soar or Sink to all eternity - Jan. 1st 1836 I wish you a
happy new year my son not only a goodly share of the pleasures this
world can afford but that more substantial everlasting happiness
I can give or take away - Charles has con-
cluded to go to Bangor Monday will call and see you and if he
leaves this you must go right to thinking over every thing you
want to say and write it down or remember to tell it to him
I hope it will be convenient for him to stop at night with you
but perhaps he'll not have time - I've had a letter from your
brother Mayo I shall send it and you may read it and send it back
by Charles. (I want to know all about the Lyceum and Libra-
ry Aunt Esther said was being or going to be! Aunt said that the cott was ^{my} some
work? and the Potatoes base?

Milo April

My Dear Boys

you can hardly imagine how much I want to see you. I have a great anxiety for you not because I think you are very naughty boys for I often think that I have great reason to bless God that you are so much inclined to do right - but I know that children of your age are very apt to be thoughtless especially when in company with other children - now I intend to treat you to be on your guard and govern yourselves not let your time slip away unimproved and don't fail constantly and earnestly to seek to God for his blessing on all you do - As I do think you are good boys to learn I regret that I cannot continue you in the school - but you know you can learn at home some - I think it rather an extravagant price that I have to give for your board you will be sensible it is more than I can afford - I have pretty much concluded to send for you about the 20th of this month - and perhaps shall let you go again a while in the fall I think it probable I can get board there for you at a good place for a dollar a week which I think is enough for children of your age - I trust you will try to learn all the good you can the short time you have to stay

We have quite a freshet here now though the water has not been so high as it was last
may

we are all well Charles has not hired a
man yet but expects to if he can get one
Take good care of your books and bring them all home
with you

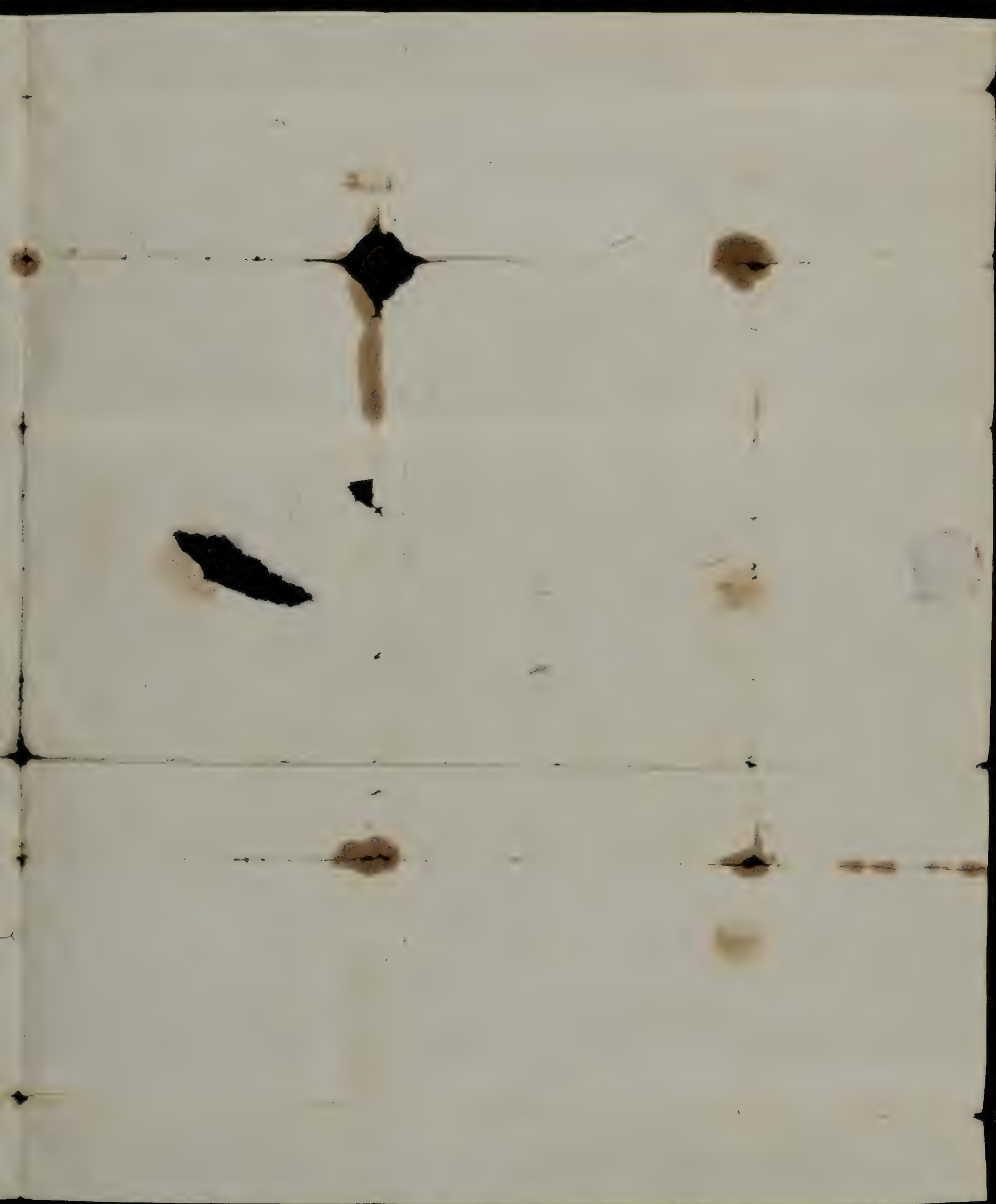
Anna M. Metcalf

Isaac S. Metcalf

Joseph M. Metcalf

I hope you do not forget what I told you about writing
some every day you are probably furnished with conven-
iences for writing in your chamber if not you might be
by asking for it - it will be very much to your advantage to
accustom yourselves to put your thoughts on paper it
will perhaps enable you to think more correctly
the children send love to you
affectionate Mother

From your
A. M. Metcalf



Mr.

Mother
April 18

Bradford April 11 10

Master Isaac J. Metcalf

Foxcroft
~~Decem~~

Foxcroft.

Charles thinks he cannot get ready to go to Bangor till next week
Mr Hatch says he can lend you a Grammer Dictionary
Sep. 16th 1838

I find I have ~~been~~ made a mistake with regard
to the chronology of my letter - calling Sat. the 14th of Sep.
the 15th - You can rectify the mistakes yourself -
Today being rainy Joe went to Gullum in the forenoon

Our shoes aint done yet & in the afternoon
went up to Booby brook & caught 2 pithe, & 1 white, & 1 black, & 1 red. Mr. Hatch expects to send it
tomorrow morning. They talk of sending you a small Bible the first chance. In letter
are to be sent you for Boston by Mr Hatch I believe. Dear there is something I want to
write to you I believe but I am so sleepy I cant think. I guess it is not much gain-
sequence. Your calf skin shoes were pronounced not worth the mending but I guess
we'll send them - they'll do to sleep on now & then. I send it most a, shoes, & I'd
before long.

My son Isaac & Mr Hatch says that Mr Pomroy has had no boy with him
of late what a capital place it would be for your Dear brother Joseph if
he could get it - you had better be a recommending about there and see
whether there is any good chance he could do well at home this winter if
Aron is here all the time but you know he'd have a good many hinderance
and his religious principles would be so much greater there
perhaps you had better go to Mr. E. and ask him whether he wants a boy
to do chores and go to school I think Joseph would suit him if he could once get
acquainted but does you think best about asking - perhaps he's got a boy



Dear Brother

May 8 1877 M. to.

We had 3 or 4 (or 6) acres ready to sow
Sat. but delayed sowing it till warmer weather. It was so cold from Friday
till yesterday morn. in. & as the ground some nights.

Yesterday E. & myself set the fire into the pines above the brook on the interval, it has
run all over it and done considerable good I expect. We then went to the opening
or "Cricket" chipping and lit up the "Stale" this side (East) and those little blue-joint
meadows north of the opening. It ran like wildfire and here I had to run as fast as
our legs would let us to keep out of its way. The fire has run nearly all over
between the Br. Ch. and the B.B. Brook, and back north I have not been far
crossed the Piscataquis a burnt grass fire of some kind I believe. I do not know but
will cross the B.B. & come down.

We have finished sowing the wheat today and also sowed the bushels of Oats - Oats
on the upper part of the interval (this side of the brook). The wheat was got in unusually
early & well this year - I say earlier than we began last year, and the ground was
warm and dry and well harrowed and bushed. We sowed wheat on the 1st eye
(it deserves the name) and out west where the Potatoes were last yr.

It is smoky now down your way now a days. It is here a lot the fire is
running over towards Porter's Mills, the Cain Settlement and especially in
a south-east direction tho I do not know in what vicinity.
If the weather holds dry the fire will go all through the woods.

Yesterday the wind blew strong from the S. and the fire came across the
road. It has been on the bog several days and tore and tore up through the
an decaying flame. It burnt all over up to the potatoe hole and so on up to the
Billingtons clear to the lake. It had a light at all the afternoon & night, it was
of fences leading to the barn.

Mr Ellis got out long ladder and set it up on to the roof of their barn and kept
a try up there to prevent catching on the roof while the rest of his crew tore down
fences &c. Mr. & Mrs. Billingtons (Highway surveyor) house caught fire once on
the roof & it the fire took in the yard several times.

Our buildings were not so much exposed as those of Mr. & Mrs. Ellis & Billingtons.
It burned our fences some so that we can use the pasture back of the
house this summer. We have a rain storm here today.

Have you any more about something to send
a good length I'll try to guess your last letter which we received say to be
yesterday for I feel too lazy to answer it. It was mailed at Brunswick & the
postage was 5cts. less than if had been at Bangor. What happened it?

When you send such words as "caput, caput, caput" &c. please send a translation if
convenient but send the words as before described whether or not I know to seem.

I rejoice that your stamp burned so well rather Saturday.
You write that you tucked the "Traffic" into the Postmaster (P.M.) I should like
to know what whereabouts you tucked it in to him. Ha! Ha! Ha! He!

I should think it would have been less trouble to put it into the post office.
Have you an index room? If you have not got one or a look at Mr. H. &
& make 1 or 2 or 3 tell me how to put it for I want one. I should think it
would be well for you to keep up an acquaintance with Mr. H. &

21 You know the field up on the interval next the Marston L. & H.
we have sowed about 2 thirds with oats - the rest planted with
beans & the rest with beans and corn & not corn & beans also piled upon
1/2 acre & joining it on the East which we intend to plough and sow
with oats this spring. We have sowed 9 bush. wheat & 19 bush. Oats.

my Dear Sir,

you think it strange that we have not written
to you more and it is strange but we have been, particularly hummed
up lately most exceedingly with our very well but Rheumatism
which is not hardly got up out of my shoes. Almida has sent to have
her go there & I have concluded to let her go & Almida is coming here
just at request we received your letter, for wages & thank you for
them you are a good boy for writing & I hope you will continue to be &
not give remin about it because we have been we shall make it
up to you by you occupy a good deal of my thoughts & the more
or not I am glad to hear of you & I have just read
by your writing, I am not exactly like where you are & I am the more
glad you could get a better place - you have had some trial & I hope
some mortification about your health not being so perfect and perhaps
at the same time but you must not mind it - All these little vexa-
tions will appear very trifling to look back upon in a few years hence
and remember my son and look up to him who has said
that he will withhold no good thing from them that walk uprightly &
endeavour to be one of ^{the} ~~them~~. If you have Christ for your friend, you will
have just as many earthly friends as he sees best for you and that many
I think you are getting a few more in your business but I am not
sure in a study for him. I think that you had more than paid for
your board at this institution - give my love to Miss Dutten, tell her that I
should be very glad to see her and wish she would write to me this is one of the
excellents of the earth. Oh how I wish too that I could see Dear Mrs. Fisher &
I hope I shall when we shall have passed this vale of tears - where sin and
sighing and separation shall be no more.

I at the time of writing was sending a cent to you but you have but a
little money but use it when you need it and when that is gone I trust
you will come very readily provided with more. How does that little coat
look? It is sent to you to see if it will serve the purpose of sending you
that blue frock coat that you wanted & if it fits you it will be a hand-
some garment than yours and if you don't wear it you can send it back
I am thinking it will do nicely but it is too small for Charles.

I feel really troubled that it is so long that you have not had a letter from home I did not intend it should be so -- but we have been expecting every week that C. would go in a few days to Bangor we had an opportunity to send the Bundle by the Abbe but in such haste that we had not time to put in a letter it contained and so this last a pair of mixed berry more than a dozen, one shirt Deep blue vest & 10 of white wooden stockings ^{for the 4th} I suppose you have got them before now

I want very much to know how you make out at Compositions I am sure you need not shrink from the task for I know you have the ability to do well at it if you can only get courage to try -- you can certainly write a good letter when you try & I suppose you will be able to do so

Bangor
Dec 18 97

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me. 18 97

Jun 2, 1839

1827. J.

I have written hastily to send it & I just write a line or two to answer
a letter from Mr. H. & tell you that I have had no serious
attack of rheumatism but I got over it very soon confined to my room & day only
I have got a clean bill. In eleven years old Olive Packard sister to Mrs. Haggard she
helps me nicely about chores & goes to school - G. has bought him a horse cart &
he fills and rigg^s them on to the ox cart & puts on both horses he has gone away with
cart & horses to work out his part of an additional tax on the Middle or Brownville
road (Mount Hunger valley farm calls it) - Felt. & E. W. are gone up the river at in their
boat (we caught a turbot yesterday) to hoeing corn beams etc took three dinner with them so
I am quite alone today - There is still nothing doing among the summer work as was rumored
been I suppose some work done now - You will remember that Lucy Jo I don't know what
home some but I thought it would be for her advantage to be there a while as she will
improve in all ways for improving her mind and manners which she certainly
has here I hope she will highly appreciate them - I wish you to write to her and
give her some of your sage advice - If it is not very sage if you do the best you can &
I dare say it will do her good & you no harm - I charge you to give my kind regards to Mrs.
Sturtevant tell her I sincerely sympathize with her in her bereavement & that tho' many
years have passed away yet kindness and attention to me when a stranger & a pest
in my memory & my son see that you are particularly attentive and kind
to her possibly being an old lady she may be childish and nervous in something
mischievous - See that that you always treat her with deference and almost
fellowship regard and whenever else in the family is neglected by you take care that she
is not - you may be disappointed at my saying something on this subject but you will
not try to be old young people are very prone to forget old people I think there is
not generally been an entire a thousandth part of the inconvenience & distresses that
old people suffer - I enforce the duty upon you in this instance more particularly to
cancel the obligation I feel for her goodness to me when I was about your age

Look up! you will both be surprised that the professions are very full & no
more can ever mind be so engaged there as will be in a year
and a great deal of sign will be in the profession to be respected by the best of knowl-
edge and truth there or a great many well educated and well educated persons
young men wanted (especially needed now) even in New England and here there are
many more in some other parts of our own country to say no theory of the nation that
it is in darkness & the shadow of death and then think how greatly the number will
be increased before you can become such an one — think of these things & say and
go ahead climb along what if the ascent be very steep and the summit high in
clouds every step and every step brings you a little nearer to it — besides if you should
let go now even if it is possible that you might fall so far as to crash your brains out
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I am sorry you did not have a Bob in the first of the seasons you might have got one. B. can't let you have a little more money enough to get your Bob, but if you have not got one and think it is best to wait till Ann comes let time know. I will write to her to let you or you may write to her. I want to know when your vacation commences or perhaps we can arrange if so that Ann will arrive at Bangor just in time to come home when you do - how does the frock coat answer your purpose - if it is best for you to have a new Coat before winter it will be best to get the cloth if we can so as to have it cut out at Bangor before you come home & perhaps have it made here - if we send to have Ann get cloth for one we ought to write soon & I don't know what to do about it

C. H. Thompson
June 21/1899

W. S. Johnson
June 16/1899

My Brother, — Although it will be considerable of a spell before I shall want to send another letter to you, I will begin now. Only 5, we set out to spite our east & engaged several men, but only Henry Sargent came. We had made but 3 miles when it rained so that we had to go home.

The next forenoon we worked on the road & in the afternoon commenced hoeing the potatoes M. W. from the barn with Angus & Nye to work for us. We had got them ploughed & a few rows hoed when it rained & we had to quit.

This morning Charles moved the grass on the side hill below the house intending to cut 2 crops. We have been hoeing potatoes. Today got 52 rows done N.W. from the barn & all those at the upper end of the interval. We put plaster on part of them. 9th. Today C. E. & I have been hauling off brands &c over east with Kate getting ready to plough that which was plowed last year. 10th. Piling over East. Oliver O. Davis, True Stubbs, John Ellis & O. O. Davis' oxen help us to day. Stubbs had the wagon, Davis 24 bu. potatoes, & Ellis 10 bu. potatoes & are paying. Have you received my last letter per John Hodgkins.

12th you saw, you have I know, for I just got a letter from you to that effect, per great hobble who also brought a barrel sent by Mr. Moses. a innkeeper near Bangor towards what he owes Chas. Such an arrival causes much joy here we have eat Johnny cake so long! I am glad to see such a good long letter from you a moi. I wish you much joy of your garden so nice & so cute. "How you'll (not) sail in our boat 31 days from this time". Oh! you write how you think you have not rec'd 1 of my letters. I fear it is ^{so} true; I sent 1 by Mr. Thos. Sargent. But was a mention of sending it by Arnold Sargent's wife came & got our waggon. Did ever you get it? Hereafter I mean to keep an acct. of all letters which I send. Pardon my mistake in dating the letter per D. Doe June 18th instead of July 18th.

What quantity of furs did you have upon the shores of the R.
Hurra for O.D. Gishaw. You ought to have carried some ^{extra} ^{in the} ^{ration} [?]
Save your 6 1/2 cts of ^{the} fish hooks to use here at home.

17th May you be there to see, — our 8 acres of the Stoutest
grain in town next summer! *Bruggaloo!*

18th They think there is full 10 Acres of that fine new.
I think so.

my Dear son C. is going to B. tomorrow so I'll add a line or two to
Joseph's story but it is bedtime so I can't say much don't hold
Joseph any more about writing further back for you see he has as
it were but one thing to write about and he spends that out
so long that it is hardly worth the reading especially as you are
coming home so soon I had a letter from Lucy but not one word
in that or the one Ann wrote to you about Ann's coming home
but I hope she is coming so as to be with you at home

I sent a letter to them yesterday I wrote to Ann to bring some
cloths for you a coat and that I wanted you should have it before you
come away so that you could get it cut out there at Bangor

There is a tailor lately come into this town. that they say is good
a deserter from the British army one who had a bullet for life.

Lucy wrote to me to tell you that it is fashionable for boys of
your age to wear kerchiefs black or any kind on their necks
with dickets either pointed or round turned down over their
handkerchief — My health is pretty good now Ehab has not been
quite so well as usual of late but he is pretty ambitious about work
rather more so generally than Joseph when Joseph first came home
he was not near so strong as Ehab & C. said that Ehab would be
worth almost twice as much this summer as he would but he is much
stronger now but he grows so fast that he can't do so much else
he says he calculates to eat like a horse sleep like a hog and
arise like a man — but you know he is always pretty good at
hoeing — If you have any ragged clothes or such as you would be
willing to mend I have perhaps you had better send home a bundle
by Charles but it is probable that he will be over again
after Ann when she comes but I don't know that will be — am
very sorry they did not write to me when she is coming

I have got 8 young turkeys isn't that pretty well considered? —
good bye I'm very glad they didn't put the occasion off till

September — do you remember and breed my impurities about
studying the Bible — how many have you got?

July 12. I perceive by yours of the 11th that we are brought
to good terms again about writing. The shower is all over about
jarring. I beg your pardon for the ill language in my last.
You can be accommodated in regard to the E. C. Barnes letter etc.
when you come home. * Yesterday ^{morning} a severe thunder shower
occurred & the following rain prevented us from ~~has~~ breaking up
over E. as we had calculated. We took the plough over ready for the
morrow. This morning I was dispatched over to U. O. Davis to warn
him to appear armed & equipped as the Land Directs with a patient
yoke of oxen to help break up. We had Col. J. Lee's also. We did
not begin very early & had not gone round but 5 or 6 times ere
the rain in torrents poured & we had to quit. ^{We ploughed in afternoon a lot.} The feed is very
good in our ^{pasture}. We pasture our 3 horses, 3 cows, 3 bulls, Mr.
Ellis' 2 cows & 2 year old heifer. There is feed for ^{several} ~~many~~ more. We
rec'd a letter from Lucy last night. All's well.

Saturday 13th We ploughed with O. O. Davis & oxen, & J. Whiddon
oxen got along pretty well. There is so much grass &c. ploughed
in that I guess ~~that~~ it will produce a good crop.

There is considerable excitement in caused by the return of
Mr. Lindsey of whose mysterious disappearance 3 yrs. ago you
have probably heard. He says, he has been traveling in Texas
& the Western States. & those believe his stories who choose.

He was seen in Holt on last winter. ^{Monday} - Last Monday we
ploughed over E. - had Mr. Davis & your Uncle Jim's oxen with
Mr. Bingleton to drive. Eliah cleared plough & I hoad.
Tuesday, ^{Mr. Ellis also on your quest} McCall hands worked for Mr. Bingleton in the forenoon
ho'in potatoes & in the afternoon rigged a breaking up team
as follows Davis & Whiddon's oxen, Bingleton to drive, Ellis
to hoad, Eliah to clear, while Charles & I were hoeing. &c.
Today we go it pretty strong - Our crew consisting of 6 men &
2 boys, only ^{Mr. True thought} ~~was~~ sick & not at home. Have 3 crews, ploughing
piling & hoeing. Viz: E. Mye, J. R. Billington, J. Ellis, C. McCall,
J. Stubbs, A. Mye, G. M. McCall, E. M. McCall. Last but not least.
We expect at night to have 6 acres ploughed & about 4 rods more
piled.

Joseph & C. Walter
Middlebury Vt.
1839

Bangor
July 1839

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Mrs. Lane S. Med. aff

Bangor

Me.

July 15th 1839
Bangor Me.

My dear brother please follow the enclosed letter to Mr. Lane S. Med. aff

9th Sept. Milo

My Dear Son,

I have just this minute recd yours of the 3rd I think you have reason to be thankful that you are admitted again, you ought to have gone directly to Mr. W. & made your excuse — we had rather have the wool back again than to sell it at the price you mentioned if you could get along without it till C. comes down which will be (he guesses) next week if you think best and can, you can sell a part of the wool and get you a box of boots &c — your cloth was designed for a dress coat as I thought you would need that most next summer but you can have it made which may you like best provided you have cloth enough — I think you had better get your coat soon as you can & probably the Tailor would do it if you pay him half and get your boots with the rest of your money and you can pay him the balance when you can get it perhaps, I will send some butter or he will sell the wool or some way to help you along moreover a young man needs a little "spending money" by them but never mind it is rather hard rubbing just now but all will go well by and by perhaps

I don't know what you had better study only I think you had better not undertake so many things that you can't get along with them

I expect to send this and the bundle by Mr. E. Cutts who is going tomorrow I guess we shall send some letters by Mr. Thomas to be sent on to Boston if he don't find them to you enquire at the place where he puts up

I shall send the old coat coarse Pantaloon, vest and no stockings and not the umbrella till Charles goes for I am afraid he'll break it you can borrow one perhaps when you need

I should think you had better study Philosophy, and as to History, I
should judge not, unless you were sure you could keep along with but
little effort: better keep to your Algebra than series (Arithmetic is now);
and do not neglect composition or classics. As to Scientific Class book
I had supposed you knew all that is in it, pretty well now if it's the one
I have seen.

Ms. A. 9.2
Sept 11/39

From
Mother

Ms. Sept. 11/39

1839

Bangor
Sept 12th

Mills Oct. 9th. 1839. Evening.

Dear Brother - I begin to write thus early as I have very little leisure & I fear that if I should not begin till Oct. 15th it would be very late in the day before I could get my epistle ready to launch. I will begin like a bear in November & end (if convenient) like a lamb in June May. I want to join you for because you will always direct your letters to I. M. Metcalf, instead of J. M. Metcalf. In consequence of your being so ^{per M. Hobbs} correct, your last letter, had quite an extensive circulation. It was so first that Mr. Mitchell thought it was for him (I don't know how he happened it to get it) it was directed J. instead of J. M. Metcalf & the Metcalf was not written very plain so it was ^{so plain} taken for Ichabod M. Mitchell. Well - after it had been there a good while they sent it ^{along as far as} up to Mr. Hill's, and they did not tell of it nor send it down for a good while (not having ^{all} read it I presume). However antiquated its contents were they were not state I assure you. Quire; What did Messrs. Hill & Mitchell with their families make of such clauses as "omnes & infandum dicta?" I blame on the tailor for making your coat so small. I did not attend master this year. We have dug about 100 bushels of whites and part of the early potatoes. The potatoes turn out very slim which I believe is a general complaint. We have got in all the turnips, corn, beans, pumpkins, squashes, &c. &c. We have threshed one bushel of wheat, got it ground, and eat it about all up. Charles has obtained 1 bushel of wheat of Mr. Stanchfield in payment or part payment of a debt, & bought a bushel or a bushel and a half of the miller besides. We have threshed the Buck-wheat. Mr. Stanchfield of & from Buck-sport has bought Oliver Davis' farm and moved in last week. He had our waggon to go to Buck-sport. Mr. Col. J. Lee ^{Esq.} has it now to go to Bangor.

10th. Eve. Today we recd a good letter from you per aunt Henry via Mary Stubbs who received it of a Doctor I believe and that is all I know about it. As for your "wants" they will be attended to as fast as possible - you may have my great thick warm wooden comforter to keep your neck warm - Mother is knitting

you some fine warm handsome worsted gloves. - We will send you a inkstand the first chance - you will have some mittens & suspenders before long I guess. Ann is making you some shirts. Don't talk of cool pants yet, you haven't forgotten how to thresh em? I don't know as I have seen a mitten this six months or heard of one before. Digging potatoes is colder work than turning out a cow of a frosty morn. Send ~~the~~ back the my shirt the first good chance. I will want it if I go to Boston. The stack if you please is by the N. W. corner of the barn. Not so fast if you please about the our work being behind hand - we have got the potatoes nearly half dug & Messrs. Ellis & Nye have not begun yet. Remember the potatoes were not all dug till the ground froze up last year and it is early in October yet.

11th. Eve. We have dug all the early potatoes (Finished today) there is about 75 bushels of them. We have dug about 50 of whites. We are going to put those at the upper end of the interval in a hole there. We let the cows & horses go on the interval. We have turned the dams up over the brook at the upper end of the interval. We saw a creature on interval this morning somewhat suspected of being a wolf. We tried to shoot him, her, or it but he, she, or it ran off. Last night the sheep were sent home & were in the little pasture west of the house in the morning.

12th. Eve. Charles had been threshing & carrying to mill a bushel of wheat today. Eliab & I have been digging for cherranatoes. We have dug about 75 bushels besides the small ones. I find I have made a mistake with regard to dates. Today is Friday the 11 of Oct. 1838
12 proper. Eve. We have got all the cherranatoes dug. About 75 50 bushels.

We rec'd a letter from Almida this week of date Sept. 29. It chiefly relates to my coming there to go in to Mr. Whipple's store as Ann wrote you in her last by Mr. Col. J. Lee Esq. In your last letter you requested me to send you a copy of my account with you. Mother ~~laughs at~~ asked you for an explanation, & she laughs at me. She says as long as she provides for us both there is no need. Nevertheless, being I did not ~~wear~~ wear the vest more than a week & Mother provides us all with gackets I will send you my celebrated Wedgewood ware inkstand & my comforter -

I have made you some warm shirts, and fitted some nice dickeys exactly to them which you must button on, and which you must certainly take off at night, if you do not wear night shirts which is much the best way: you have old shirts enough that you can use for that, and had you not better? Mother will send another night shirt marked G.S.M. We want you should send the mob, without fail by Mr Hobbs and Joseph's shirt, and your new vest to be made, and I don't know but we shall do in it but to make that up for J. and make you a double breasted one out of some old pants. So send it; don't be troubled any about your debt to Mr Fox just tell him that you will settle it when your brother comes down in a week or two, it is no strange thing for folks to wait longer than that, then as well as here. Mother some thinks of making you a 'regular built' frock out of some woollen cloth, when C. comes. Mr Hobbs will bring you a bundle containing 4 Shirts, 2 dickeys, a comforter, pair of gloves, old mittens, suspenders, an in any old bible, and a needle and some silk where with to mend your clothes. your boots and shoes must wait a 'little' longer but I hope there'll be a way ~~before long~~ ^{before long} & then I guess we will call it square & have no more bother. Don't we? I gave 20 cts. for the inkstand which is as good as ever two, & 37½ cts. for all the comforter in which there is no perceptible difference from new.

Dr.		Pr.	
July 24 - by second hand frock	5.00	1839 Apr 14 - to cash	.50
" " by second hand vest	1.00	" " to slate	.15
" " by second hand shoes	.75	" " to umbrella	1.00
1839 Apr 18 by cash	.30	June 13 - to cash	1.00
" Sep 2 by cash	.21	Aug 31 - to mock silver pencils	.10
		Sep 1 - to wallet	.05
		Oct 13 - to inkstand	.20
		" " to comforter	.33
Am =	\$ 7.26		\$ 3.35

14th Dec. It has been a rainy day & we have threshed the flax & put it out in the pond to rot & gathered the garden sarce & excellent roots. Some of the white sugar beets were very large - one weighed 7½ pounds! They are going to send the bundle tomorrow morning by Mr. Hobbs & it is getting quite late in the evening & I am tired &c. &c. as you very well know - or else I would fill up the rest of the sheet from your affectionate brother Joseph.

P.S. I have got a sore eye. My shoes are done. We have killed 2 of the cats. Good bye. Joseph

My Dear Son We had a good long letter from you a day or two since
expressing some of your wants—I know & feel them as sensibly as you do
perhaps—I am doing what I can to relieve them and make you com-
fortable—meanwhile I hope and mean to often very often engaged in earnest
prayer that you may be sensible of your want of grace and that you may
speedily obtain that mercy— grace from God that will give you joy
peace and true happiness such a trust and confidence in ~~the~~ Giver
of all good that you can rise above these little vexations & perplexities
which for the present be side are not joyous. But after all they are
transient and viewed in the light of eternity appears very very trivial

I know that small things (like the wants of some of comforts of life) may and do
sometimes occasion pretty severe trials—but they must of necessity be ~~that~~
short and therefore unimportant. Oh what nothings in comparison with
the welfare of the immortal soul—now my Dear in order that these
trifles may not bear so much upon our minds let us unite in this one
great object. Let us seek and strive in earnest prayer for the salvation
of your soul—will you my Son devote a little time to the deep consideration
of this all important subject about 10 o'clock every night— you so mean
to be a Christian—now is no consideration whatever that would for a
moment willing to be call'd from this world without—then why not put
in exercise every faculty—use every means now to obtain the in-
alienable blessing. When will there be a better time—are you sure there
ever will be another as good— Ellen Lee has you know been very sick so
that she thought she should not live but little while—she was at alarm & distress'd
almost to distraction because her peace was not made with God—she has
now obtain'd a hope and continues to view the subject as all important she
said her distress was not because she was soon to die but because she had
not submitted to and accepted of Christ—Is not that another proof that
religion is indeed the one thing needful

I have been thinking of you a great deal lately and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately but I have managed to find some time to write to you. I have been thinking of you a great deal lately and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately but I have managed to find some time to write to you.

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Mr Isaac S. Metcalf

Bangor Me.

(At Mr. Asa Walker's

by Mr. Hobbs) Near the Baptist Meeting-
house.

Joseph 1839
October 15 - Milo
Rec. Oct. 17th Bangor

Thurs. Nov. 21st 1874.

Dear Father

We have a box of butter ready to send to you and a pair of pantaloons ready made to sell, and as soon as we get the cloth, which we expect will be in two or three days shall send by the first opportunity

The articles will be directed to be left at 'Shore and Henry's' the butter which is very nice, you must if possible get, ^{in lb.} 25, find out the current price of good butter and not sell it for less: Mother thinks it probable that Stables could find you a market for ^{it} that lower and save you the trouble of finding a market elsewhere, and possibly the pants too: for these last, you are to ask \$3.00 but may take \$2.50 not less. With the avails buy a pair of laced shoes (half high boots) for Eliab according to the measure sent. The cloth is for pantaloons and jacket, both of which you are to get cut and the pantaloons made, the jacket Mother will get made here and you can send it with the box, shoes or bring them when you come: Charles expects to go down soon and probably will continue it so as to go about the time your vacation begins which I suppose will be in about a fortnight. If you can well get along without pants till your vacation, you may only get them sent, but if you really need them before you can get them made

My Dear Son, I do not get much time to write to you lately but I do not think of you the less. I trust you are a good boy & I suppose you are getting along just as well as if I was flying ^{you} with my most 'Sapient advice'. We shall expect you home the 7th of Dec. and if we can make all things come right will endeavour that Charles or Eliab will be there to bring you home but if they don't you can wish it I suppose in a day if the days are short — Ann has written to you once and again about my sending butter, cloth &c but you see nothing of it as yet the cloth is not yet done but will be soon

Dear Brother was not you disappointed with my piece of a letter?
While I was gone to my traps they sent it away without my knowledge
as I meant to tell you Marshall Hill borrowed 4 traps and set them on the intervals
catched but 2 muskrats so he got sick of the bargain and let me the traps
and I set them one caught 7 so now I have got 8 skins and 2 cat and a fox skins
will you be so good as to find out what they bring? we have done all the ploughing
but that over east and have burnt off the pile and picked up the brands
and have got out most of the manure. we received a letter from Joseph last week
he has sent me 2 youth companions and I expect that he will ^{send} each number
we received your letter last Saturday Wm. Porter he said that it "couldn't" there
an awful spell" Joseph says that he has to rise at 5 o'clock, and he has the least
time to study or read that he ever had in ~~any~~ ^{any} situation whatever. I study ^{very} carefully
to learn to ^{be} spell and write we have sent up 4 of the turkeys but we do not expect
that they will get fat for Thanksgiving. yesterday I went again up to look
over ^{and} to find some partridges but I could not see one

Chas. W. Metcalf

I have got a box (20 or 25 lbs) of very nice butter which you may
sell if you can at the very highest price if the market is dull &
butter very low you ~~may~~ you may wait a while before you
sell it if you think best I don't know as you will like to "pad me out,"
the one pair of pants but you can I guess — take 'em to to some
little shanty or "board a coaster & you'll sell 'em they're very stout
and such as laborers want — I should be very glad if it had hap-
pened so that you could be at home "Thanksgiving," but as it is
I would by no means advise you to leave before your quarter
is out & especially as you did before — I guess I shall send you
cloth enough for jacket & pants and you can get them cut &

if you are in pressing need of either or both you can get them
made Joseph wrote in his letter - "tell Isaac to look in the Steam-
Bent ^{office} now and then for a letter or Bundle

Joseph wrote that he bought him a pr of High shoes for \$1.33
if you could get E. such a pr he could get along with out having a
new pr of Boots this winter perhaps you could do better to sell ^{for more} the pants
for goods or store pay instead of money & we shall want some stout
cotton cloth some nice Melanes pepper spice ginger &c in strong hand
by ~~cease~~ amiss however we shall probably write again when we
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Mr. Isaac S. Mearns
(Care of Mr. C. Walker)

Bangor, Me.

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Thank you very much for the letter. I shall all feel your presence when I am all about it. I am very much obliged to you, at such trying to do without any help.

From the very little that I know about it I suppose that L. could not
supply the place of a 'hire girl' in Mr. Withers family any longer at least
if she could be staying at home 2 or even three days in the week. I should
be very willing to have her go there this summer and work for board &
go to school to you if you think stay there (but what about your staying
there you did not tell) — I don't know but it is wrong to indulge the wish
or at least to seek to gratify it to have my children have the advantages
of education with no more means at command to accomplish it
I hope it is not from ambitious motives but that they may be more
virtuous useful and happy however that may be I think I have a
sincere desire to feel an entire submission to the will of God respecting
it — but that bears very little weight on my mind in comparison with
their conversion

My anxiety for you Dear Isaac has been so great especially since I heard of the revival at B. that it has sometimes amounted to an agony of distress that I could hardly mind my work - but I have been brought to feel more submissive and to enquire why? what I feel so much more for you than ~~any~~ other person who ~~is~~ out of the ark of safety your soul is of no more value than thine and yet will be glorified if not in your salvation he will in your destruction - but O my son think on eternity for your thought is upon it but you feel its weight try to measure it compare it with this little rack of time and endeavour to realise ^{it} as you will when time with you shall be no more, then think of the value of your soul and O think of the sacrifice Eternal love has made think of the unspeakable gift do - do my son be persuaded to attend ^{to} the concerns of your soul now when will you ever have a better time will it be easier for you to seek redemption when you have longer rejected and despise the offered mercy. listen O listen my son to the still small voice be aware that you grieve not the Holy Spirit of God

Saturday Eve

I think we plan you mentioned my Daughters would be a very good one if you can only make it work and if that will not go I don't know but it would be best to get a chance and let Isaac come and work this summer if it would not put him back more than the time about his studies he could go in to school again the fall term but he would have to go into a new class I don't know how it would do Charles & I have all along thought it would be best for him to attend that school till August if he anyway can if Mr. W. breaks up perhaps he can get another place — Monday — Mr. H. is not gone yet I handed him a letter for you last Thursday evening supposed he was going Friday he stay'd here Saturday night he has been at Mrs. H. most of the time for a week I don't know exactly whether he is waiting for his money or whether E. has taken him captive you know the H's are famous for management — I asked Mr. H. if he was acquainted with Mr. De la gonne teacher he said he was that he was a fine man it seems to him that he was a perfect man he did not know that he had a single fault — so if you are not benefited by his instructions I think it must be your own fault I am afraid that Isaac is now too much engaged in his studies ~~remember~~ that one thing is needed it is needed for you that you grow in grace as I hope and trust you do but I should think there is danger that your school will disturb your mind too much if you are not careful C. has been trying to get out timber for a house frame or rather he is trying to begin but there has been no shedding Mr. Lee said that Elder expects to keep the school at Walthambury & V. Hall is going to spend the summer in Bangor O. Furbur is going to Foxcroft to school — I conclude by your sending for Com. & that you are expecting to spend the summer there and I want to know something more about it I can't bear to think of your not coming home I want to see you so much I put "Labi" of papers round the corner so that it might not rub but you can send em back I think of L.L. will be along in a fortnight O I'm so afraid they'll be out in a storm so write all you can

Feb. 9. 1840

Dear Brother Isaac

~~Excuse my letter~~ I receive your letter ^{last} Thursday, you ask if
I get along well in geography? I don't very well! I have got a book 150 pages
in it? Joseph Lee Gargant does not go to school here but goes to school
over in Milton and lives at Mr. Hoies you say that you are ^{glad} I decline
but I don't ^{much} I have spoke a piece on the use of tobacco. the school last
I make after this it keeps about 9 in the whole I expect for the while
I made was up in the interval and the other over east of the road I got a
trap of Arnold Gargant and set it but the fox would not
come ch to it after ~~the~~ the trap I suppose he smelt the trap so nothing
we have got 2 bessey and (chiefs both of them) and 3 larks.

about 1000 to 1500
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 lot is nearly the same
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 and not much noise
 the above is the only
 and no other thing
 there is heard from

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 before it is too late
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 money in order to get
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 thing it is better
 worth to get one

Walter
 March 3rd 1840

Howard H. H. H.

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Burgess
 March 1840

Dear friend I beg to tell
 you that I have been
 very busy and have not
 had time to write to you
 as often as I should have
 done. I am sorry to hear
 that you are not well and
 hope that you will soon
 be able to go on your
 journey. I am very
 truly yours

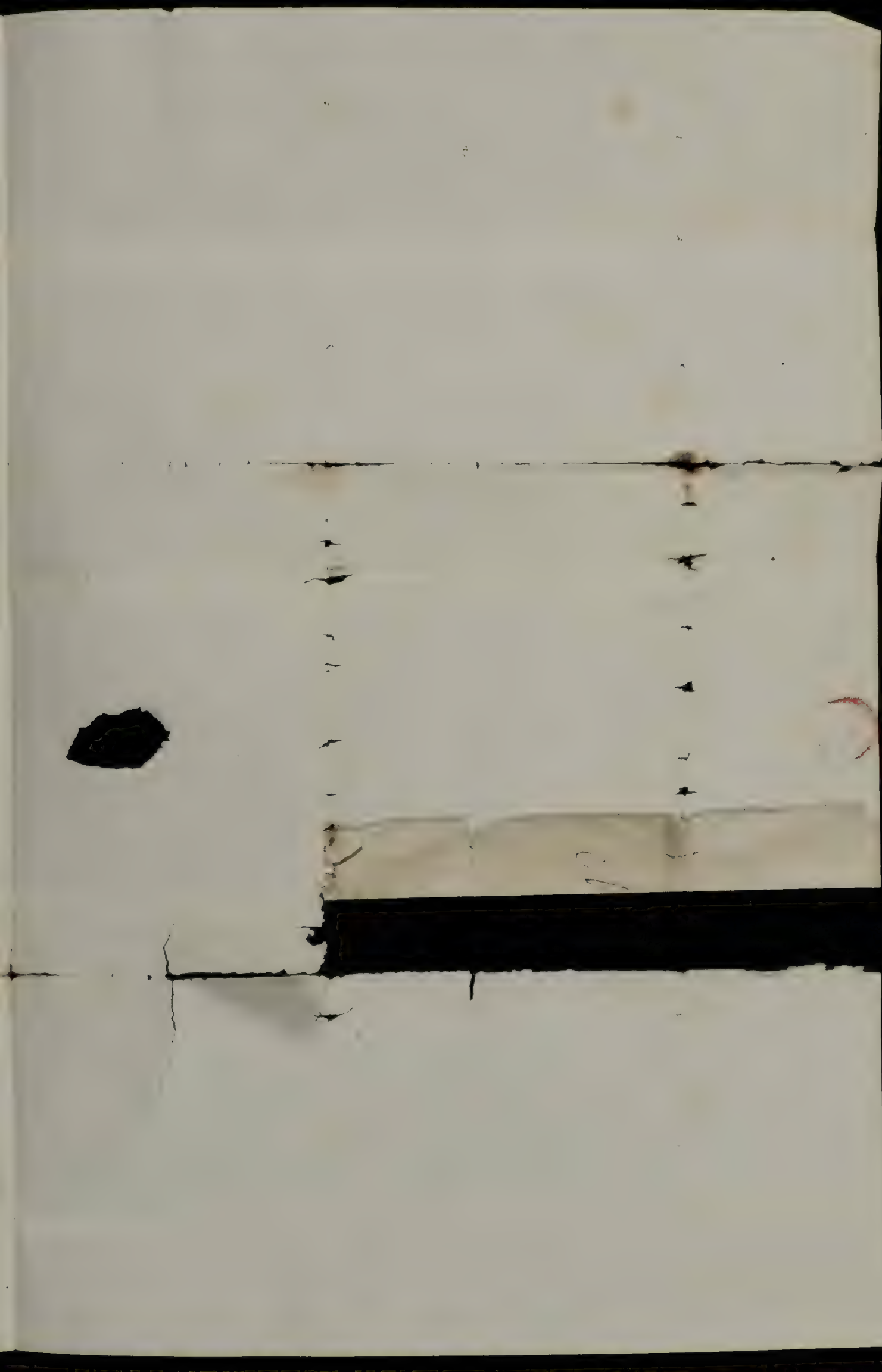
Miss M. L. 1851

My Dear Son, I have suffered considerable anxiety about you because of the extreme cold last week. Was not you very cold before you got there? How do you like your place and employment? Did you call on Mr. G. what did you say to him and what did he tell you. You must of course try to be a good boy & do your duty in every respect towards Mrs. Parker and her family endeavor to be cheerful and pleasant constantly - I advise you to make a confidant of Mrs. Parker & know or think & know that she is a kind hearted Christian woman therefore tell her your feelings and troubles if you any and write to me all you feel and think - be earnest and engaged in trying to benefit yourself now is your time for improvement. I charge you my dear boy not to neglect reading the Bible and prayer. Consider that your Saviour your talisman I want you should attend the Sabbath school constantly and endeavor to get your lessons and understand them well and pay good attention and try to profit by the sermons you hear. Remember you are hearing and learning for eternity and not think too much about what your fellow creatures will think of you - probably very few will notice you at all and this a very little consequence what those few think of you compare with the approbation of God and of your own conscience.

You know and believe that "one thing is needful" be often at the throne of grace God is equally accessible to the humble praying soul from every place and though we are separated for a time may our prayers often ascend together to that God whose ear is always open to the petitions of the humble penitent - Let your first thought in the morning be towards God in praise and prayer for direction and guidance through the day. I expected a letter from you last week I hope you have one all ready to send by Mr. Ernest Turner who will carry this - if you have not done it I want you should get your father a pattern for a jacket and send it by him - I shall try to have him call at Mrs. Parker's as he goes in tomorrow and as he returns the next day I shall send you two for stockings your Grammar & if you should want any other books that we have here write and I'll send them have you bought any books? what is your string? how is you get along? but in the first place what school do you go to? your Master's name? No. of scholars? do you have any time to study evenings? Furnish your self with books but be as economical about it as you can with propriety perhaps you can very consistently borrow some you can ask Mrs. Parker (or Mr. Penney) don't suffer yourself to be meted in your studies for want of books do be diligent and try to be efficient in all you do and you'll get the more time for study write write particularly keep a journal

From your affectionate Mother
A. M. H. C. C.

those flat soles put in your boots to prevent wearing out your
shoes - Mr Frost boards here is studying Charles is to
begin school about the middle of January Elish sends love to you
he is a very good boy he can ride the calf down to water and can
thrust with both yoke of oxen &c



Mother
Miss
Dec. 1895

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Mr. Isaac S. Metcalf

Benson

A corps of Sappers & Miners in service & pay of No. 6 Smith, are now quartered upon Alameda at \$1.25 per man a week. They are well supplied with the utensils & implements suitable to their vocation & labor industriously from the rising of the sun until the going down of the same. I have 18 compositions to read in my school tomorrow, 22 names on the fire list. Joseph & Alice

I had just got my pen in hand & to carve in, & must needs write a letter. I sent you a letter Friday by A. Hill containing a vivid picture too high colored perhaps, intended to rouse the bundle by him but it was not quite every I sent it down last evening to send by Mr. Cutler but having just learned that Mrs. H. Largent & Jane Hoxie are going to Bangor tomorrow, ^{& so} Charles has gone down to get it to send by her & then you can have an opportunity to send up a letter or bundle. She expects to come back Friday or Saturday. I go to school quite. Meady goes from home most of the time. Thanks it much better than I expected. She walks does her good. She stops a night at the corner frequently or she would get tired out perhaps. I do believe that Joseph is a first rate teacher notwithstanding all the fuss they have tried to make. I want to hear all about your school and how you get along with your sailing school and all you think and feel and do. Do you love man to God or are you like the rest of us cold stupid and indifferent. I hope you see them occasionally and tell them our news from home are being met. Since she went away fine chance for Alameda to board much more if she can get along with the work & I guess she can you know she could always do what she must do however negligent about things that could be left alone.

but we shall have to help some — beat the bush for her to catch the wind
but this will well & we are very glad they talk that they shall try from rock hill
April — I frequently spend the evening entirely alone and most all the days
since Lucy goes to school — They are doing wonders here in regard to Temperance
have got two societies formed I don't know the number of names but I should guess
75 or 100 on one and 40 or 50 in the other but if it happens to them as to almost
every thing of the kind in Wills they won't either of them live long

The pants I told you about you cannot have if you want for a time to do
the cloth — it will be better for you I think to have something mount for common
ones and you'll want something finer for handsome ones

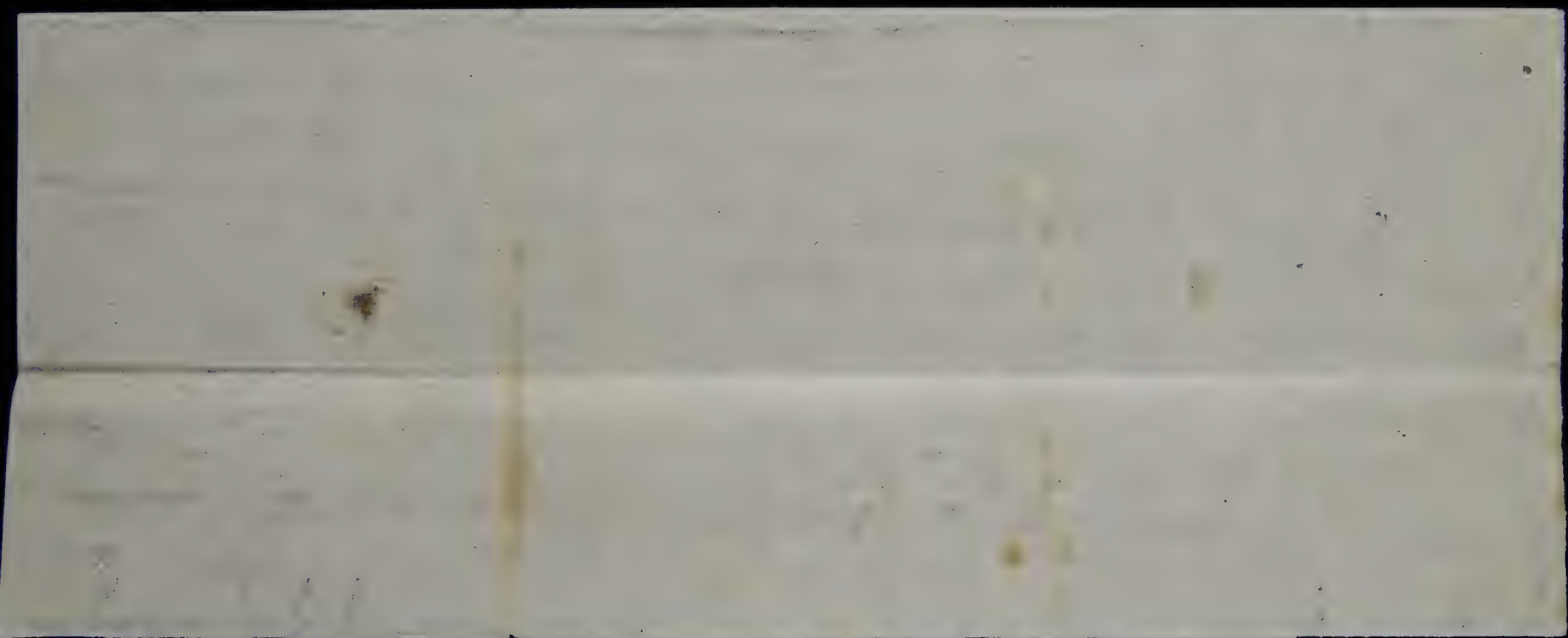
As I can't write to e town now you must write to her often and tell her all
the news I shall expect a letter by Mrs Sargent or some time soon

Charles has been up to Curry Alameda to see the Judge of Probate today has
been over before all to no purpose he was not at home C is tailoring along as
usual but has so many hinderances and chores that he can't get time to
do much else I wish I had some of your ink I am surpris'd at how cheap
you get Stationary you had better buy in a good stock for your self and some
more for us if we can get something to pay you for it before you go away to
Brimmick — Charles sees the Doctor about and likes him very much
but has not learned him to give a single hand get any thing I wish
to harness him in to be made a little horseless

Isaac I insist of you not to sit up so late it certainly is not well for you
it will eventually injure your health and perhaps shorten life if you don't
quit it now you will live by — it certainly is not right the right time
for sleep and rest not the morning — so you study any or do your
schools take all your time — I want to know if the Mr Dickey you heard
with is son or a relative of Mr Saint Dickey at Lamb house
wouldn't the school you are teaching be a good one for S. next summer
if she could get it — ~~good~~ bye write often

I have not a moment to write - We
intend to have sent bundle by Aaron but
he cannot sooner than we expect -

Write often & much - America has
the chance to land 5 men. all winter,
at 7/6 per week, for Smith, digging time -



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Jan 14 1841

J. H. H. H. H. H. H.

Banger

H. H. H.

Jan 14 1841

Banger

Dec 1, 1846

My Dear Mr. Tolson I can be sure to hear from you I am very glad
Thank you for the letter especially for the part about the school I hope it
will be changed - have been hoping you would be so kind to let me see you
I feel close - but perhaps it is not best to say much more of my plan
about coming ^{home} C. would go down after you if we had a good horse and sleigh possibly
he may be gone if you think it best (or if you can't come along there to see
you once or if you can't leave this way now you could come with Cuth
I want you think come next week which will be about the middle of Feb because
because if you don't go till the next week something will happen to prevent
I hope you'll have a better visit than before - but perhaps it is not best to expect
it - & what if we don't ever have things just as we could wish - tis but for a short time
and if we could always feel that this state of existence is only a little space of time
as to preparing to live and be willing to wait for all our glory, honor, happiness
and rest till we pass these narrow bounds wouldn't it be better for us - you'll
say that my practice is to expect it but I believe I don't in reality feel so much
need at vexatious things as I appear to - I have not a very cloth but we must get some
and we must have at least a few of these more to carry with you

Thursday 6th I wanted to see this to you yesterday but I can't - I am so busy - I have
a chance I hear that Mr. Tolson is going down to B. sometime I suppose he will be
the business by him but the time is short only three weeks after that the weeks
are dreadful short now a days I'm so afraid you'll miss of coming home
that we shall not get your things ready as we had little time to begin
if you don't find out something of your own I can't do it for you - you are so busy
there is my own I must make up one day of the time as yet Saturday & the Saturday after your return
& if you close the school one day short of the time they won't come perhaps - if you have any
thing to make or any work you want done fetch it along - Eliza has kept C. & kept all
the money out & they hired him a few light boxes which will be out this week & they have
spoken to him to keep the 11th & 12th to begin 17th this month

Thurs. 1th Jan'y

Dear Brother - It was so stormy that I have staid at home yesterday & today. I have been twisting stocking yarn &c. & my hand troubles so I can hardly write. We have had a great deal of stormy but very little cold weather this winter; though the Mercury went 31 below Zero last Tuesday morn. I walk from home in pleasant weather & good walking; - otherwise I stop at Mrs. Luit. Our Scholars do wonders for beginning, at writing Themes, and very well at Decimations. May. Furber & some of the good people are thinking of a plan whereby to keep up an interest in the Temperance Cause, and make the meetings interesting, - viz. to have certain persons who are so disposed, write pieces to be read in the meetings - some after the similitude of our Foxcroft Philomathian Society. Don't you think it a good plan. I wish you could be here to read them sometimes. We have no very good readers.

We had a real feast the other night - three good long letters from you, & one from Allen, which she sent by Mrs. Donnell. Your advice to Jacob is just what he needs, if he would only think so, and perhaps it may do him some good, though he would not, of course, acknowledge it, you know. I forewarn you that you may expect something pretty severe from him, ere long.

He maintains that it is a great injury to a girl to go into society & "learn how to behave" as it's called. If he was looking for a wife, he would prefer one who was entirely unsophisticated as he says. He says he knows of no one who has been into company as much as I have, that has received so little injury from it as I; but that I have been so contaminated that I am not worth half so much as I should otherwise be. He has been somewhat disgusted this winter with the excessively "ladyfied" airs of Rebecca Keen & Abby Fair, I conjecture. He prefers Angella

Frost to either. I tell him if Alfred Holman were not in his way,
he would be for making love to her right off. By the way,
pray tell us, who is that Susannah for whom you felt so sorry,
because she had a headache? eh? Be not alarmed on account
of my silliness - this is only an outbreak occasioned by Joe's remarks
yesterday night. Almida gets along pretty comfortably. She has
four boarders, besides Joseph, Ira Keen (to do shoes) & Abigail
de Patten, who had a francus with her father last week & left
him, so A. took her to work for her board & go to school. Pat-
ten has treated Mr. Lee shamefully. He has run away with his
horse again to Bucksport. Mr. Lee says he will leave his house
within a week. They have referred their ^{settlement} business to Messrs. Flaskie
& Kittridge & Noah Dow. Joseph visited Chadbourn's school last Sat.
He got J's opinion on certain words in the parsing lesson before
hand. He told him about his Arithmetical troubles with John
Farber. You see John, (especially with his father to help him)
is a little too bright for Chadbourn. Mr. C. considered that
rather insulted him by sending him sums to do, and asked for
what he would do about it. J. told him he would do all the Maj.
sent him, & send back some that ^{Farber} he couldn't do! Wasn't
Joseph pretty complete for giving advice? I have got nearly
through the 14th section in Algebra - two sections farther than
I went last spring.

I will ^{see} fix bosoms to your shirts conform to the best
of my ability. Do you want any new bosoms made before
you go to Brunswick? or collars? I don't know how many
pairs of wristbands to make. I suppose 'tis best to cut
up any more linen in that way than is necessary, as
it cannot be used for any thing else afterwards, you know.
'Tis most dark - I leave the rest to say by "word of mouth"

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Bangor

Mr. Geo. T. Mearns

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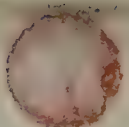
Burger

I am to begin before midnight & must work - found at
Sam'l's letter yesterday - have got \$12.00 - better than most.
Did I? I am down to some goodly debt. I wanted to
go further in Algebra. These Chubbourn will have to wait.
Write me much, when I go to the summer!

My dear Sir, we send you lots of letters but Mr
 Dolen is going to Bangor & scratch a word or two Ann wrote that
 she wanted to come here sometime this month and should come
 when she got ready with Mr. Cutler if she had nothing from us
 Charles thinks she had better come with Cutler as he can pay her
 Coats unless you think it is best for you to hire a horse and
 sleigh and ~~come with~~ ^{to} her before hand so that she may be ready
 and you go after her and bring her up too her fare and of course
 the stage now is 300 and then you'll want some way to get
 back you can have some Coats to carry some to pay for your
 horse sleigh if you wish — I want you should write by Mr. Do-
 len (and send your dirty clothes &c) Sarah & Ann should get me
 some thread if you have opportunity to tell her I have got some
 coarse cloth and am making you some shirts and I suppose you
 ought to have some fine ones, ~~but~~
 2 crimmes, 2 somnys, 2 sides. Send me some pens
 soon as you can consciently more or less in quantity
 as suits you. I want that atlas much; more than
 \$50 worth. Some of my scholars want to buy some
 pens. How I should despise you if you should
 get an old edition of the atlas. The one I want
 has antarctic continent laid down in part on
 map of the world. Don't forget to send up some dirty
 clothes, letters, pens, &c. If I had time and a
 smooth pen I would send you a poem to do
 a few hard words to parse too.

Hadn't you better
 gain what time
 you can & come
 home after your
 school is done

go in what you can and take the rest and come and stay
 as much as you can if not as long as it will do to
 if you can make it come next I get what clothes you buy
 before you come but no you can't do that unless you wait till
 your school is done write all about it and send up by Mr. D.
 if you can



Wm
H. 1815

Wm. S. Metcalf
Bangor
Me.

At Mr. Dudley's

Feb. 19th / 1815
Bangor

and are all my guesses on that subject it certainly don't seem right for me to say it
but it is sometime very hard getting along contrary to custom. - I shall think represent
yourself. in respect to the faculty and if they will resist it as well as not you can't say any more
I want something more. I have some money I have carried with him of his school money \$18.00
I wrote to him to send some to you if he could spare any but I suppose he thinks he needs it all for
clothes as quick as I can get his money for clothing we shall send you from Dallas and
if I can get any more I shall be glad but don't depend on me upon it I think we can
get paid up and be some better off next year. So right go on with good courage bravely
that all will be well

I had a letter from Mr. Pomroy about a fortnight since, he has written to his friend at St. Johns respecting a change of residence, said in his letter that he wrote all the good things about me he unconsciously could, so when he gets an answer I shall know what he has ^{been} saying there. I received a letter from cousin Joseph & William at Greenville, in answer to one I wrote to, the days teachers are very plenty there as well as here, — she receives five dollars a week, school of 200 scholars, two principals, two assistants, I have written too, to Maria Stearns, Mrs. Pomroy, Mr. Pomroy, and Mary Barker, — have received letters from Mrs. P. and Miss Stearns, Mr. P. sent me with his letter a sheet containing the second style of Johnsons, which used I answered him ^{beautiful} justly in that language,

the first page of my letter to Mary. James was written in French. I am now
ing (I'll show that is translating it) aloud to Charles evenings, have had to pass
over some words for want of a dictionnaire but have now just borrowed the
word in English so I can go on now swimmingly: "I n l R G r e, 1 0 6"
"I n l R G r e, 1 0 6" - which means - (I wish you would learn Phonography
it is very pretty, I like to write it much) - Lucy means to learn it
and Charles is quite taken up with it. Almeida and children are well but
the boys were appraised yesterday, Luther Keen has staid there the last
fortnight - Mrs Haskell came and cut wood for her last Friday and
Mrs Haskell came with him. Lucy has got home from Holbrook, and
bought a hobby with her. - The wind begins to appear round the
door - the robins sing in the reds, Lucy & I went over to Mrs Keen's class
before yesterday Theodore & Sam have taken a job at Quaker's at
five million of boards at 18 per thousand: Theodore is going to ^{emigrate} Wisconsin.
Lucy ^{has} had an application to take the school this first taught but declines because
Mr Newsome offered only 100 per week - she talks some of asking double the price
if she may keep this: Angella Bennett is very happy says she is not coming
back for two or three years, & arrives at the rate of 145 per month, I don't know
what her expenses are. Jo boards at Dr Johnson's he says his roommate is
a 'terrible' gentleman, a violent whig, has made political distinctions in
study, has been at Washington some time, J. says he is much more
than a match for him though he has scuffled him sometimes; that ~~is~~
'any body of his maturity who did not retain the inestimable privilege of doing
as he is a mind to, would be in bad shedding'. We conclude Jo has got into just
the right phase, - he is studying Surveying, French I suppose has bought
a dictionary - and Algebra and Chemistry; he says he has one su-
perior and one equal in mathematics; I assure you I have improved
in penmanship some, my letter to Mr P. looked nearly as complete as
you yourself would be in doing it in biology -

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I have been thinking of you a great deal lately and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I always find time to think of my friends. I have been thinking of you a great deal lately and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I always find time to think of my friends.

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Mr. Lewis G. Mott

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March 25th 1856



Wednes. June 4th In Mr. Pomroy's study!

Very dear Brother, I came down to Bangor with Cutts today in this excessive heat to teach the school that you had last winter, that is if I don't fail in examination! I am so warm & tired & confused that I almost expect I shall. I found your large letter at the P.O. this morning & read it mostly, in a great hurry while waiting for Mr. Cutts. Am exceedingly rejoiced at your good fortune, but can hardly stop to tell you so now. It is really "confusion worse confounded" here today & I am not in the best possible state of mind to enjoy it today. I cannot stay to tell you that I am so glad of Mrs. Child's bounty & of all the pleasant things you saw heard &c. but will write you a long letter as soon as I can. We have been very much hurried of late, (was there ever a time when we were not?) but we have thought none the less of you because we did not write more.

Mary Barnes goes to Niles tomorrow with Sam, to stay till her mother comes home. Mrs. P. & Anna start tomorrow morning. Joseph is here in a store on trial. An Auction Store, clothes & Upholstery, I suppose you know.

Ever. Have been down town & seen Joseph & Eliakim - They must finish this & write more by E. Brown. In get back - Lis Lucy's

I made a mistake & wrote on the wrong page but no matter.

June 10th 1845
Grandville

Brother J. F. Metcalf
Brundwich

Wm. J. M. Metcalf
Office
June 10th 1845

June 21

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that makes a plan which he thought very much of did not come up with and with
him out to be nothing his hind room is pretty steady and pretty but it. How can
live with my boys & have to do all the milking Mr. Gilman has been here & says
fixed the back head the back room and his room & a bedroom in the west end of the
chamber except the plastering - I wish it could come sight for you to be at home next
fall now happy as might be - it seems sad to have you all gone - How would it do I could it
you get along with it if I will let you have the car - to come here and work. Cor
by is a bit, and then go on to the end of the last half of the term and then take a school
somewhere about there ^{or somewhere else} during the winter vacation or if you can afford to be out
so long not go back till spring the old man has got over his humor
is turned out to pasture & the very next day is pretty well broke in
is very kind and clever & beautiful may C. is just breaking the fly (the red
coll) she was stubborn as a mule at first he will bring her to it & she is
long and smart a noble animal Old Bate has got a little B. at
or a little piece then call it a smith L. Cows have got 4 pigs the late sow
calves are all dried up but not if we don't have rain soon the crops will be very bright
since it is old for now about everything. Joseph wrote that he had a letter from you
not long since but I have not seen it hope I shall have one soon your last great letter
journally to Boston & was very interesting to every hand of Mrs. Child to help you so
why didn't you stay there more I wish you could have gone to Lowell & why in the world did
not you go to Mr. Culeb Metically & you ought to have called on Mrs. Chase I don't see how
you get along without a better coat and new cap. but did you do with your hat you said you
couldn't carry it back with you but I suppose you did - If you mean to take a school next fall
and winter (- don't see what else you can do) perhaps you had better stay at home till
November and then go down east of here ask your Chace about chances that may
possibly Mr. Tark may want you to assist him but perhaps he couldn't afford to give
wages enough - it is no harm to think these things all over and see what is best to try
to do - Mary Barnes Pomeroy is staying here here 2 months while her mother
is gone a journey - instead of the little puny nervous housewren thing I expected
she is (tho' rather childish for her age) neat smart and frolicsome is all round
the lot among the hens & pigs & calves learning to ride horse back picking straw
& every where in a minute she'll go and catch a cat just the tick on herself and
ride up and down the road & she has rode Donkey once but kept by the side of her
Lucy & James & my little James Hobbs are just as good playmates for her as any
body. Notwithstanding she is a girl of good sense and quite accomplished
I am very glad you went to Boston & think the journey must have been worth a
great deal to you to say nothing about the 20 dollars

Dear brother I intended to write you a good long letter in return
for the ones I have not received from you but Mother and she
at have written about all the news and I do not feel in the mood
for giving advice or for 'sentimentalities' and besides have but
little time: About myself I can write nothing very encouraging
— ~~except~~ you have heard all about the Storrs' business which
truly resulted much to my satisfaction. — I suppose too you
know too that I spent three weeks at Mr. Pomroy's just before and
after his departure. About the time Joseph went there — my going
there at that time was rather accidental but as one consequence Mary
B. spends the summer here and possibly another consequence
may be my taking a private school at Bangor next fall, — there
is a very good opening for one near the Baptist meeting house.
The chief obstacle in the way is the lack of a suitable house.
— I do not place much dependence upon it. — am undetermined in case
that should fail, whether to go to Boston and strenuously try for a
chance in that region or go to the far west with Mary Savage when
she returns (she is expected with her husband this summer. Joseph
has got into exactly the right spot at last has he not? Eliab seems well
suited. I saw him frequently while there. Lucy likes pretty well but was
sorry not to be at home this summer studying French with Mary B.
I keep school three hours a day for Mary and Almada's children: Mary
attends to drawing, French and writing also needlework. Almada &
children are well and getting along comfortably. Maria Edes
and Susan & Parker are teaching ^{the} schools that Eliab taught last
winter. I invited them to visit me and accordingly they came last
Sat. walked over in the afternoon and back again at night except
they rode with Abner & his wife, as for the miles: took considerable pains ^{didn't they?}

we took a sail up river but had a good time. (See Note) I
 taken a school in Cincinnati and Ohio I went at cold storage. This week
 we have just received a paper from Mrs. Child containing a notice of a young
 marriage - Mr. Parnes received a report testimony of the affliction
 of his people - they raised 12 hundred before Belmont with pledges of more if he
 should need it. Besides 20 for his wife - presents of all sort gold jewelry, gold
 for table, portable writing desk, trunk &c. &c.

to the school at Cincinnati
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Mr. D. H. H. H. H.
 Mrs. D. H. H. H. H.
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19th August

My Dear Son I have been greatly grieved about your shattered circumstances but I am not distressed about it after all there is money enough in the world and I trust you'll be provided with all you absolutely need - If God is infinite in mercy has seen fit to give you the prospect of great future even an interest in his dear Son will be sent with him freely give you all things not to be expected tho' without your own faithfulness and best exertions - Charles is calculating to sell Steers and Turkey & will get you some money if he can - & I think it is very possible that you might get the 2. back at the Mills if you want it - perhaps a pretty 2. back - if there was not such bitter prejudices against orthodoxy - it would be just the right thing for the school & a valuable chance for you you could borrow it home some but don't depend upon it be trying elsewhere - I want you should consider whether you had not better apply to the Education Society for assistance you will have to borrow money I think or want to let it be better to have it with so little trouble & without paying interest - I am to him & it is nobody knows where

You say you have a good mind to get you a Coat I think you had better if you can get a good one at a fair price I think you must wear one before Commencement or you'll have to give more - than if you had the money in hand but I think it can be got somewhere before you go back - I think I do & that you had better be there next term if possible - - Henry B. P. is going to Bangor next Tuesday & I am sure for Boston at the same time - I'll stop a day or two in Bangor if they permit - the latter is possible tho' I may be invited to visit his Steamer has talked some of going down with them but it will be very inconvenient for him to leave his work there at any time for that matter - The notwithstanding he has been so ill & it has been so long but he thinks he shall get his gear out before it will hurt any much - He is not very stout nor very ambitious I go in & would round him twice this forenoon besides cutting his hair - he has been but two days ago - and Samuel has been gone home sick 2 or 3 days

The Stage fare is but one dollar now & the Stage comes from B. to Milton & back on Monday Wednesday and Friday - I can pay the 6 in Oct. if I can happen to be there

I think Sarah will come home & visit you are here and I hope Joseph can too perhaps
you had better bring home all your old letters that you have done with — & if convenient
bring home all your letters, compositions &c &c that we want to see

I am afraid that while thinking of your future wants we forget to thank ^{be} you enough
for the many many favors you have receiv'd

don't forget to praise God for his infinite mercy and kindness

20th

in haste good bye

A.M.M.

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Mrs. A. M. Meloy
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Aug 20th 1845

Received of
Mrs. Meloy

the sum of \$1.00

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Bond Lott

Filed Oct. 30th /1895.

thoughts upon something or your means can excite any thing could you ever get back to
Bosdon again if you should keep trying to go a dozen different ways at once or if you should not
conclude that you won't try to go there — Decision subverts of the mental powers,
you can't think how much I want to see you you'll be gone so long that I am afraid you
won't look like the same dear little Isaac I used to have.

you have crack'd up your school so much about being easy, easy to govern &c
that I am afraid you'll have something hard and disagreeable before you get through

Dear Brother

Longest of our agency — not rec'd of you 8 mo 10

Joseph wrote to you in all the confusion
of a short visit at home with a good deal of work to do,
and Mother and I put in a few words without hardly look-
ing at what he had written, so we fear there will be a misun-
derstanding on your part, which may occasion you some an-
xiety of mind to say the least. We therefore write another letter
sooner than we otherwise should. Every thing goes on here
as it used to. We plod along day after day, through the
same round of care & labor. Our potatoes, &c. indeed all about
here, are almost worthless, so Charles does not dig all his. He
raised a little corn, quite a lot of beans & pumpkins, &
considerable quantity of oats. He has no one to help him now. He
ploughs some, some he sows his hops on pumpkins & Oat-
meal, and some he cogitates & lays plans, as usual, for the
expediency & future profit for the whole family. Mother &
I do the work, cut pumpkins &c. and take care of our little fam-
ily. Almada takes care of her household as usual & runs
down here two or three times a day for advice &c. That's all for
day. Nothing new. In the evening we gather round the old stove
& talk, work, read, or eat "upstairs" at the case near by. Good thing
after all, that it would enliven the scene in no small degree could
one of the loved absent ones drop in and spend a season with
us occasionally. Our hearts have been ^{thus} gladdened by the last visit
from the Bangor brethren, but we have no expectation of enjoying

The like pleasure again till next Spring, when we shall see
Becker. Some once more in health & happiness at home.
Charles has now six animals of the hog kind. Two old ^{black} ones, quite
fat, most ready to kill, two last Summer ones & two little ones
about six weeks old. He thinks as Potatoes are so scarce, few will
keep swine & consequently they will be high in the Spring, & as
the hog Oats & Beans, can do well by having them to sell in the Spring.
We have had four cows this Summer. Mother thinks she has
sold some two hundred weight of butter. C. hopes to do great
things with her cows next Summer.

Esra Barker is teaching a High School at the Mills.
Has 23 scholars. He spent an evening here while Joseph was
at home. Teaches at the corner this winter. I did think of going
out as he knows little of French, I shall study at home what
I can & try to get a School by & by. I have bought Joseph's
Dictionnaire Francais & intend to use it. ~~Without him~~ I can't
back one. Should like to get through Algebra Colburn too, but
don't suppose I can alone. We have a Writing School taught
by one Wing, a Kenebecker, a one-armed man. Mr. Shea will
commence one soon. Edwin Snow has engaged the Mill school.
Is he a good teacher? One Mr. Pritchard, Agent for the Mutual
Insurance Com. has been here lately from Bangor. Several got
insured. Charles did not. Elder Powell has been hired to preach
here 1/4 of the time for a year. Nathan Targent subscribed five
dollars! People generally dislike Mr. Sewall very much. Call him
"sleepy preacher". Not far from truth. ^{they} Like Powell better. Perverts
tasteful. Uncultivated minds. People are now working on the "Rich
road". Taxes on two other roads recently assessed. To be worked this fall.
One in Hottown, the other don't know where. Some 6 or 8 hundred dollars in
addition to the usual road tax. Woe to the taxpayers of Andover!

Charles would not tell me what a that little was blasted so as to be removed
from the "Whorehouse". But pretty good. Write particularly of interest. You are doing
good in a land of ignorance. At three o'clock, one evening you saw "little" "Horse". I hope
it has got used to the new world, it is growing away from me now. Good bye.

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and his four little boys. He lives at No. 60, Vermont St., Boston, Mass.

By the way, very few of the new books are worth getting down now.

for dinner & I intended to drink a little morning tea & go to bed.

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Citrus Dec. 22nd 1915.

Wm. D. C. L. Westing
Henry W. Westing

Dec 23rd 1843

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via Gardner

Wils Jan 19th 1840.

Very Dear Brother

Be not you good, and
of course most acceptable and welcome letter, received Dec.
10th and I am glad to hear that you are well and
that the "little heart" will rather keep its wanted place, than
inviting, another shift. When a day or two I am
in your, I had dispatched a long letter to you, which
I suppose you had not received when you wrote of Jan
10th, you might perhaps have learned in some degree
the source of my trouble. I am not at all
I acknowledge, a just; though I have no idea of how much
I think not unreasonable. I cannot bear to write about
your Stationery, I am told, on account of being longer, but
been so full I could hardly see my letter the other day.
I did think I would not write another letter, but I have
been to Bangor & got a new supply, but I have not
time from the other things to write. I have a ~~very~~
a substantial letter which I have written in the
shape of the enclosed V, for "Pocket money" at 1/2. I think
it a little singular that you receive so many little helps from
me. Some and another just as you need them. Do not
let them to show that you are right in going to College.
So it seems to me. I am sure Joseph & Elizabeth will
New Year's day, to some degree of pleasure. I am, my dear brother, all

The family came home. A splendid wedding and
splendid party to escort the bride to her new home. Maria
is teaching school. Uncle & Aunt all done this Winter. Felt's
share well as usual. Mr. Stevens, the teacher died here last week,
which makes the twentieth death in town since last March.

Is not that a great many for the No. of inhabitants? Mr. White
is very low, in Consumption. It has been a mild winter
in town, though no prevailing epidemic. Mrs. Musgrave,
Mr. Stimpord & Widow Blanchfield have died quite recently.
Mrs. Stimpord has requested a distance from the town; and
her great Cazy boys smoke their pipes in the corner.

You know last Winter there were two Temperance Societies
organized in town: a Washingtonian, and an "Old
Temperance Soc." - the meetings of the latter suspended throughout
the Summer, but we have now regular meetings of our Society,
i.e. the Temperance Band, once a month, & adjourned
meetings between. The Washingtonians also meet
frequently. We have had several addresses & shall probably
have more. Ezra Barker "held forth" New Year's eve, & a
Jes. Burckhard from N. Y. Major J. C. & other evenings.
Mr. Snow is to be invited to give us an address, I believe.

There has been but one violation of the pledge in our Society
during the year, but some of the members in the other, & the
Backslide & repent almost continually. I don't know
as I have "fervent charity" enough, but really I do dislike
the Washingtonian principle, as inculcated by Dockrany
and carried out in this town. The "Sons of Temperance" are
about organizing in this town. I don't hardly want Italy
to join; thereby becoming, not only a S.P.C. but a brother to

were so no more...
and I am sorry to hear for your... I can excuse and truly I can
give you relaxation at not hearing from home so long tho I can't hardly believe
it was so long as you say... I shall so I shall just...
on the... at the time I was in one spot... the same... of care & only
hardly go out of the house once a month... no company and not even a passer
... the bridge was carried away by the... residents...
compare the amount of ^{some time and fine you have}... and perhaps...
... so much reason to grow after all... however still freely allow you to...
be ought ~~to~~ and mean to write as often as you will. But his hardly reasonable
to suppose we could write as much and have it worth reading for you...
every advantage — Your uncle J. S. in his letter to me says that he...
he is to contribute a little to assist you to... money...
more and your chances for getting less, than...
I mean unto you are all these wants and wishes and also your wants & wishes so
I enclose it to you. He says tell Charles to make one master effort and...
with all his might, and so if he can't I train out one letter...
I wish in your correspondence with Joseph you are to act at us...
... as much as they ought to...
... your duty. I don't know as much of the...
... I want to know...
... counsel maybe of inestimable benefit to... the continuing
of it my pen and especially my ink are bad enough but that is not...
I am afraid I can't make out to get enough of...
... whether he will hear or forbear

Doc. I know, with man, very good & honest. Possibly con-
fident, but I have a decided "antipathy" to him. Which
could you join, if you are Charles, & intended to leave
South and West, the S. W. S. or T. O. O. S.? He seems to grow
more & more disinterested lately. I determined to go off
South & West on an "exploring expedition". I wish he would
select a proper 'helpmeet' and settle down. He's new house
is not a great one, but with the good things he al-
ready collected, instead of wandering about as he is now
looking out for finding more, as he aptly would.

After
Charles has bought a Possession for miles from
Hansen, and can have as much land as he wishes to
purchase for 1.00 per acre, when it comes into Market.
He writes his health is better than for some years before.
His family all appear to be in the
the Springs. I hope this year won't be entirely fru-
strated for the sake of populating the 'Far West'!

Charles had a Threshing Machine here. Last week
(Monrhaes' from Bradford) commenced Threshing Wed-
nes. Morn, started Sat. In day noon, and it threshed 190
bushels of grain; 10 a. on Thursday. Worked best of course.
Monday we had a ~~heavy~~ rain. No wheat in the field
all stands in the field yet. Charles was sick & could
get no help to cut it till very late. Then came wet weather
damaging it, and finally a great frost carry-
ing away the bridge, so it could not be got home. No
great loss, however, for C. said it would have been
paid for Threshing at first. C. has got four "hugs"
to Winter, as he says to make a "Spec." in the Spring. One
great Black & White one he is going to carry a Bangor next

was to get some Flour &c. with. Taxes are prodigious
this year and Capt. C. says will take about 70 bush-
els or more to pay his tax. So he won't have many left,
besides food for his hog, as he has no potatoes. He
put two barrels of Potatoes into the Cellar! Are we
not well supplied? They are miserable, about as big as
walnuts, & so poor as water! I have raised one
this month. Almada has no more. She killed a little
pig, and a yearling Heifer (which weighed 400! $\frac{1}{2}$ of
which she paid to Col. Lu, $\frac{1}{4}$ Charles took, & the rest
she kept. She has got along comfortably so far, but she
has not a very shining prospect in the future. The
children are well. Lucy is a good girl, but has many
traits of character like her mother. Hedy & Talkative.
James is a prime little fellow, manly and smart.
Lizzy, of course, is a girl. A pretty, interesting, somewhat
silly, little thing. Loves "Uncle Thomas" and even
every else, dearly. A. has been much troubled about getting
work done, wood got up, &c. even for money. Benj. Florie
has hauled her a little from home for 7/6 per cord.
C. is about in as bad case, having sold his Oxen, and
the bridge being gone, so he cannot get at much
good wood with Niccy. He has not been able to see
Doubt get. Doubt is a fine set of legs and all,
gentle & obedient, graceful and pretty, besides being
large. A pretty nature to have than Doubt, rather
C. says, but cannot leave while so fast.

We have no song this winter, that give much, and
shall have 7 or 8 next summer, if some are sold.
Shall I stay at home and be a young girl?

Charles had a bit of gold and silver not far from home.
Mr. Rider brought home some of Joseph's last money, to
pay this bill. So one day he came with a ten dollar bill
to pay C. 5.50 out of it, for Joseph. Charles could not
change it, so as Rider was going to the Mills, he said
he would get it changed & leave the money with Macomber;
who, by the way, has 'arrived' to such distinctions
that he is now called 'the great one'. He is a
thorough and a fast master, both in a hand & a
time! Well, he left the money with Macomber, who for-
ever blabbing, you know, must needs tell every body
who came into his store, of the important trust reposed
in him, and Everett among the number; who forthwith
trusted him, as Macomber reported that the money
was deposited there for Charles, and that Rider said
distinctly, stated that the money was for Joseph. This
explained to Everett, but to no purpose; he insisted on a trial
before Esq. Kittredge, which was accordingly held, when
there was a flat contradiction between Macomber & Rider,
the former maintaining that Rider said the money
was left for Charles; and the latter at the same time
he stated it was for Joseph. Billington and others were
knowing to the bargain between Rider & Joseph, and Mr.
Kittredge decided in Charles' favor; whereat Everett ap-
pealed to the March court at Dover! Everett vice proba-
bly lost the case there, but he was a large Charles a little.

Mr. Gilman has not been here this winter yet. His
wife is sick with a hemorrhoid. There is even a great
hoosey. Mr. Hartwood is teaching singing at the
Village. The Catholic Co. is at the Village. The

Richmond

June 11th 1841

My Dear Sir

Time is very quick and when yet another Spring commences I shall have numbered my three score years and how few and swift they do seem - How foolish and childish it is to think and care so much about the things of time and all things to be done in a few years or even many years passing away as if it were a great thing to do the very best of things in the world in a few years or even many years. I which Charles has got to be a great deal better than I am. I am not sure yesterday I do not mean to say the days are swift exactly but I have been with in not making a better use of them for what a poor foolish useless thing I am. And yet how highly favored. I do not mean to say that any of you are any better than you should be but I say that I have great cause for gratitude that all my children are so good and that they are so good.

2nd Last Thursday Charles carried away to his room (at the house) the expectations of the children but concluded to stay at home - Charles is now hiding almost from his face - today he is gone down the river with the rest of his Cats. So at least expect he will get as much for them as he could about here by & by for there are a great many about here who want to buy to save. But he was under a necessity of taking for money to pay taxes, - he is going for feathers as well as for the cats. He expects they will be high but he does not have much of a market for he had such low prices about getting it a considerable part of it was damaged and some of it was not cut at all. The first lot of it was sold to the Meadows Bay so that it is not worth hauling home. Mr. Frost cut it for half. He sold a bucket of wheat upon that lot which was hardly worth cutting & then it got wet so much and bridge gone it stands in a heap on the floor where it grew but the Cats & Hens eat it pretty well. We had about 2000 bushels I believe. But I can't be sure.

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Mrs. S. W. Weston
Mail
March 1st 1846

Chittenden, Vt

Miss Anne S. Weston
in our college

Lowell, Vt

March 9th 1846
Benedict

Weds April

My Dear Son - I received letter from you by the 1st of April in evening
I have where it came in - I hope you have recovered all your strength
I think you must have been very diligent take care and not study too
hard - The same man glories in his strength but does not for the narrow way
escape as yet in the narrow way - I will surround us enough to make
us realize that no one can feel ever to leave home in a safe manner
and death is a great thing we ought to be for the same reason
we enjoy particularly for quick in the creation from death & now from
been sick - I suppose they have written you all about ^(the flood at Bangor) the flood
days about it in his letter to me - I am reported about here to have been
nearly escaped from the north at the 1st of April - I got in the boat
and out over the river by the letter - I have not yet received your
letter but have your kind letter - I am very glad to hear of your
Bible class & hope that you have been much engaged in your studies
that you are well - Bible to me which would be a great
you know them throwing away for a moment in the water as if
sand and sand dust - Charles will endeavor to be in Bangor in time to bring you
home if you conclude to come that way - I have been counting the weeks that
any time and begin to count the days but at the time it is not that
you will have to stay - I expect I will be home while you are
here or rather when you do - I am not yet at a point where I am
on the point to leave - Charles will be so occupied with his labors C. is not ready
"Spunk" about work as he said to be he is not so good perhaps says he has not his
hand and get nothing for it long enough he thinks he should like to get into some
other business but perhaps it would not be so all for him if he could
I say if you can possibly spare money enough for it get your "Dag" before you come home
I guess I can give some money of the S. of J. for you

Mr. Saml Freeman died about a fortnight since Charles Johnson shoe maker
too. Mr. Benj. Davis was buried yesterday — Maj Furbur & Lyford
are gone to Wisconsin. — Mr. Hoxie's family all going first of June
Charles just begun farming operations today dont mean
to do much. Has got lots of manure no oxen to get it out
has got 25 or 30 Dollars high way tax to work out — He was offered
ninety Dollars cash for the red Colt Melly and refused it ask'd an
insurance but dont want to sell it as just such creature as we
want on the farm. Lucy begins her school in Habland next
week 2 months has to her a very irksome task

Alameda expects one of James's Brethren and a Sister to see
in June. They have not any of them been here you know
I think it rather strange that they have not I should think
Curtis might have come before now and ought to

Harro Hill is now modeling all the inside of his house. He
is setting up in the world Naomi Hill teaches ^{over} school
at the Corner Abby in Wilhamsburgh but Alhina is the
famous school teacher she has been apply'd to to teach four
different schools is going to teach the "Rollins and Pleasant river
I dont know but C. is really going to get him a wife at last.
There seems to be some slight symptoms of it

Pick up your old duds and bring home & if you want any
thing that we can do let us know it quick — Cant do but little
for you while you are here for Ann or Lucy will
not be at home but a short time — Ann's school is so
very hard & her time so entirely taken up that she dont write
to me but very little and I dont know but very little about the
boys. I have been telling them that during the short time that
I have to live they ought come home often more than once a year.

means you take Mrs. Jewell's book; with send it when Y. does his box
don't forget the pattern Mrs. Jewell wants; when you send. Mrs. Jewell
and some narrow velvet ribbon left of her ribbon, which she gave me
trim the waist and sleeves of my new dress which fits well. I think
I shall like it. The new stove works well, saves me a deal of vexation
in respect to funnel. C. did a good job. I am much obliged. The
dolls he lent me are now on hand, subject to his order: if ~~you~~ he says
I will send five of it, in a letter to Isaac from Charles. I want very
much to send him, don't know whether I shall be able to or not.
How much I have of the dolls. Sat. Went down town in the m.
y. bought some of Towns' Spellingbook which I have decided
to introduce into school: paid my bill at White's which a-
mounted after deducting tuition to \$5.44: I left a note pinned
on Mr Hardy's door, stating that I would be there at 2 o'clock to
take a lesson in painting if convenient for him. ~~at 2 o'clock~~ the girl
told me, that the water in the 'stream' had risen so that it had
carried off the upper bridge and that it was feared the two other
would go the next high tide. A frost has been feared for
some days, on account of the vast quantities of ice above Oldtown.
and the ice so strong in the narrows below High Head, Oldtown
bridge had already gone and Basin Mill at Stillwater. The
front yard, looked like stumps, and the Thorton Brown's house
at few rods off on the other side of the street - could only be approached
by a narrow path. I had been told that the house was covered with ice
boats, he himself was moved out that afternoon on a birch bark
they were getting the furniture out in boats: he has been deranged
most of the time the last week or two, and it is thought cannot survive
long at great many people walked up to the house place to see
the spectacle, but the next day we all could see a much greater
the divided building broken side walls, and the same.

without going far from home. The next high tide brought down
a jam of ice from up the main river, which there being no outlet
below High head — caused an instant rise of water 10 or 12 feet.

It was 12 o'clock & over thousands of men ^{were} watching the progress
of things about the old bridge and the streets, ~~everyone~~ ^{all were} in
or about their stores, securing goods, watching the tide, the
night was very dark & Paul Pappas Pappas was in his counting
room, had carried his table in the upper story, was securing
some clothes watching the tide & another one one expected it
would be much higher than at noon, and that it would be gradual
when suddenly he heard a tremendous rush of water the whistle of
the cellar burst open and a stream of water rushed up, Christie
Mr. Goss & Irishman was with him, ~~but~~ he had dropped asleep & by
the time J. had got him to the door, the water was at his breast & when
he had got out and looked at the door at his neck; Christie was so short
his head ~~could~~ not come above water could not swim, and was as
helpless as an infant, ~~and~~ every particle of sense he ever had, frightened
out of him: Joseph could just brace his feet upon the ground on his toes
and how he got from his store round into Main Street dragging the
Irishman by main force, in ~~instant~~ pitch darkness, is a mystery, it was
a narrow escape: he says he could not have done it if he had not
been perfectly self-possessed, ~~and when~~ Mr. Goss was not at, Christie
went up there (he lives there) but was so frightened & chilled he could not
give any account of the matter: (Mr. Upham gone to Boston) Joseph started
at a tavern in Main St. Mr. Goss mustered up and found him carrying
in the morning, took him home to breakfast gave him some dry
clothing, in part, he and Goss and others worked hard all the forenoon
on boats, rafts, &c. at work ~~hard~~ about one, he went home put on dry
clothes, and went to bed slept till three, then waked up sick & miserable
they gave him some hot water, put a blanket to his feet and he was
better when I saw him at six o'clock. To day he is better and has his coat on.
I have not seen E. yet, he and Brown were at work all day yesterday, ^{saturday} trying to secure
timber I used, as soon as breakfast was over I went to see the aspect of affairs
some buildings tipped over, others fasted, boats flying through Exchange,
Broad & Main Sts. and across to Hammond St. the water within a stone or two
of the steps of the Court house: the boatmen had, ~~but~~ a passenger, and they made 100
dollars for the day — no meetings, every body at work.

especially while they are within 3 or 4 hours of me
I can't think of any thing more that would be interesting to you
and what I have written is not worth reading only it will
let you know that we are all well do be careful of your health
you have presumed to write upon it you speak of being
at Berner the 20th when is your examination I want to
know — you perceive how bad my ink and pen are
Don't you pity me

your affectionate Mother A. M. McLeary

Dear Brother

Mother has written all the news and I am
in a great haste, but will just put in a word. I feel sad
you sad about it that I must leave you during your
vacation. You come home in January and I want even now
to say you. I shall dismiss school a few days at least.
I want you to be happy if you can, then I will
glad to come home when you do. You will want to know
but many think they cannot. We can not then we may
have an opportunity to be together again. We will
again before you come home, telling is the exact time.
We'd a letter from Mary Jones last week, as
I was never seen at Foxcroft, and urging me to be there
at the coming examination. She says Jo Prentiss is there
that he says "his heart is just in the right state to be
moved by woman's love if she will but smile on him!"
Cannot stop to write more. Good bye
Ever your affectionate Sister
Mary

Mr. A. M. McKay

Mr. D.

Mar. 3rd 1846

March 30

Mr. Geo. W. Davis

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May 2, 1846
Providence.

Wilo July 21st 1846

My Dear Son I am sorry to hear to you containing eight dollars the
20th of July I have been expecting to have a letter from you have waited
for an answer to that before I wrote. Hope you have received it

Lucy has gone to Longrange teaching school - has a letter from
her this evening - she is well it is liked now - M. W. has from 40 to 50
scholars must all come out in there to any day yet

Edith came home a week ago last Friday sick with cold, bad cough
and fever - have been quite tender and about him pain in his right
side and shoulder no appetite - but I have given him Solatia
Emetic & he is better now tho he coughs some
perhaps has got to be exceedingly careful or he never'll be free from con-
fident on the Lungs - Do be careful of your health be thankful
for it but do not my son presume upon it - I feel very anxious I
have from you studying must do these words this dream but rather

Charles is getting along finely with his ^{conscience} haymaking has had no help except
a ^{named} little boy ^{Florian} ^{Phillips} 15 years old and can't get it with a "cash down" C has not
all the salt tho he has had a prospect of it two or three times - at home - in
any along finally with his haymaking but she has got Harrison Ferris to work for her a
little great stout hard but C says because as much haymaking is a great as he can
it has been very warm and good hay making C has got in 8 loads

I suppose if you are in the enjoyment of good health you are digging deep
in the wells of knowledge I can't know how it is with you but the way of the
world is to neglect a fine heart with indifference (if nothing worse) upon
fellow I mean not only a worthless fellow but those ~~that are~~ who can
not command the "Almighty Dollars" however meritorious they may be in
rich in knowledge and in good works - If you have any friends of that kind
let this be your revenge I think, and diligence to be ordered with
knowledge and then out of a good conversation your words with much

meekness of wisdom keeping a conscious voice of offense. However I feel that
in preaching to you I am like the good part pointing the way but not getting
one step forward in it—why is it that we are so lifeless in spiritual things
I mourn over it but it is in such a powerless stupid manner it is like being dead

I wish you would write to me of your religious feelings and thoughts (if you have any)
and also more of your plans for the future—you certainly have or ought to have
some kind of a time marked out—if seems as if you were not at home hardly
at all or else you were not very communicative. I somehow feel as if I did not
know but a little about you. I trust you are commonly a very good legal and
assisting—it is longer than usual now & I wonder for you I should have
acknowledged the receipt of a letter with money in it immediately
but I hope there is one on the way. How are you going to get along about money
then especially said times seem afraid you suffer a great many inconveniences for
the lack of it.

I rank seems very fine to Shub (the I pretend to be sometimes a little)
he sent him a lot of letters & Branges and a letter expressing a good deal of
kind concern for his welfare—She died when she first came home
that I thought kind of odd. I mean that he did not send him home before in
stead of letting Josiah go off to Boston a fortnight and leave him all the
work to do when he was sick—but E says he was not to blame and could not help it.
I don't think E has been well since the frost for a week before he came home. He had
a very hard cough appetite gone—became sight worse next day after Josiah returned
from Boston—he writes that his father is gone to Boston now that money is
very hard, indeed is afraid there will be many failures.

Joseph is showing holes I guess or wants if he could get any thing to
do there even with his health. He was very good when I came away he does
not write any before he is at fault but I work ~~exercises~~ which will improve
his health he did not exercise enough. I again say be careful of your
health is no small guilt to throw away or lightly esteem so much a boon
let me know all about you and your friends and your progress now
E has got in 8 loads of hay yesterday and today has mowed five acres and
got it all mowed and put up hard mowing too he says because the grass is
matted so thick but the little boy has as big as father seems
E rode down to see the Doct this forenoon but was rather fatigued when he
got back

July 23rd

Have just received your letter that I have been waiting for so long but you do not acknowledge the receipt of any money which you ought to have done if you received it. - It has been told by several that the grey colt will fetch 150 dollars, great if he can trot a mile in 3½ & I trotted him a mile in 4 minutes the first time he was tried to make him go fast as he possibly could - he has offered him for 75 soup if he don't have a chance to sell him for that I don't know but he'll take less if he can get cash. Mr Sam'l Davis said he would bet 50¢ that he could be trained to it in a fortnight so that he would trot ½ mile in 3½ & I am very anxious to sell him for he wants the colts but he cannot you know till somebody will buy and money is very scarce.

You will soon need a new suit of clothes & I don't know what you will do all year. It is to wish you had a lot of money - but perhaps it is all best as it is if you had it you would probably be too fond of spending it - I am afraid that your "haste" would soon become so refined & cultivated and enlarged that you would be quite dissipated.

I count for you the character of a humble Christian ~~and~~ should very much deprecate that of a "high" person besides you can no wise carry it out if you should attempt it you would at once "be off the track" - Oh how I want you my son to be a Man but in order to it you must act from a sense of Duty not from estimation or love of applause - Tell me Isaac do you seek the approbation of God and your own conscience as you would do? or have you grown more loose in sentiment and consider in your behaviour?

I want you should answer this letter not be content with an answer - but because it will gratify your Mother

I had written this letter so far thinking to send it on today but Lucy came home and I had just finished it last night & said she had written to you again & at first concluded not to send this for it is out of date & not very interesting but I am so lazy it would be some time before I could get it written besides that I have something to do with E. Dick & Lige - S. H. It happened to be in to La Grange on business & brought Lucy home - will go back Monday - Eliak is better he thinks he shall go back in a week or two but I predicted that if he does he will be sick again.

you say you are not ambitious perhaps you not but I am satisfied you have had your mind a great deal too much taken up about yourself and your foolish societies - No person can appear so lovely and amiable or be as useful when their thoughts are employed in any way about themselves as when they are endeavouring to glorify God or seeking the happiness & well being of their fellow creatures.

Beware of flattery and do not take on much soft soap lest it should make you then not like & true - with not the best friends you have these flatter and deceive too I'm so lazy to write any more - you must ^{not expect} letters from me I can think what a hard word to say to you but I am such a poor hand to express or write it Lucy must be the writing but I shall not be willing to make one iota of you to me on the earth any if you do it you must write the more to me - another thing by the way you have been and look you don't half the time without having a fair chance

Dear Brother, It is G. A. P. Mr. I was into a bit so as to send this to the Office. I hope
 he will be able to help - I want you to know that I have been much interested
 together with one from Joseph. A short time after came G. W. F. and said if the district
 school at noon next day, he will bring me some 'cordials'. I said, he was interested
 in it. I thought he'd collect me a pile he was about it. I have expect another letter
 from you very soon at La Grange. Write to me after I am there. Don't know much
 you have heard of it. I have had some splendid apples & oranges today - first this
 season. With you had some more. Be careful of your health this summer weather.

C. it must ready to go. I must say good bye
 Write soon, wait you - Affly Little Lucy.
 I'll write again soon as I hear from you

July 28, 1846
 Milo



your small health tonight
 I am sure I have so be
 as to feel & convenient
 with the rest
 C. A. M. M.

Mr. Ebenezer C. Inceast
 Brunswick
 Maine

Milo Maine
 July 28

July 30th 1846
 Bond. Coll.

August 8.

different in natural abilities or have so little common sense as not
that you spend the time that you ought to devote to deep study ⁱⁿ reading
or to be in a measure engaged in some other way

But I am sure these things are true I am sure you have "but your
Religion that we are made any upon the dark more than a so reflecting any
Son - I seek it again - I intend to see a guide to conduct you all the way through

But my Son I hope & expect better things of you. That you will
with humble diligence (trusting in him who can do all things) seeking
to qualify yourself to be eminently useful ~~to your~~ to your self and
friend & an instrument in the hand of God of doing great good to mankind -
however small you may be at present. How can the mother in setting your
standard high - I would earn and merit a good name & try to get above
the fear of Man - ^{"rease from man, from fearing him or trusting in him."} you are apt to think too much of it of your backbiters
or any other cause you fail of having the approbation of others.

I have been thinking over and come to the conclusion that (altho' we as a
family have more real refinement ^{than most others} - yet we have (the appearance at least
of a lack of good breeding and acquaintance with refined society which has
been a great disadvantage & to you particularly as much so for as
the lack of the "Dollars" - And as some small comedy I am sure whatever
the difference in cost that you procure a bounding ^{the ensuing year} place in some
very genteel respectable ~~or~~ ^{the ensuing year} family. But after all I fear it will
be like many other advantages beyond your reach for the next of 8 or
10th.

Seriously how much it do to visit there and go to America if it were
could be procured - Now I think I could perhaps induce you and Joseph
Stevens to join you all the money necessary for your year's expenses
if we could show him that he could have "good & sufficient" security
I am confident that he could do it - perhaps the Child wants if I
should ask him and I could make up my mind to ask him but it would
be an effect begging but what matter if we could but get it

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Wm. J. M. H. H. H.

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Aug 11th 1846

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Aug 13th 1846
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30th We had a letter from Joseph written at the M. Embling House
Boston containing almost nothing about himself but that he had got his
business almost accomplished and should return to Bangor the next day
& Linda has about concluded I believe to go to Mass. She thinks of going to
Sutton & will leave Lucy there with her Aunt Rachel [Mrs. Thomson]
while she and Liza visit about - James will remain here with me
till she returns he is a real clever little boy

E. & L. are gone to singing school they follow it up pretty close
Lucy thinks she is learning a great deal. I suppose they have a good
teacher. Several families have moved into town that you don't know any
thing about I guess a Mr. Millet & Mrs. Bunsell & I don't know who else
in town. All but a few families are strangers to me
Nov 1st I have been to meeting today & heard Mr. Hale who is
employed by the Home Missionary in Lebec & has been here
preached here once before he is brother to Luther Hale of Lebec
memory I am very much pleased with him & edified with his
preach here instead of Mr. L. - not so much on my own account
as because the people generally are very much more pleased with
him - I don't remember exactly but I believe we have not had
preaching more than twice in 4 months before today

I wish you would write to me what you think of Joseph & his
affairs I suppose he has written to you something of his plans &
designs - His place is I believe in a store belonging to Goss and
Bapham No. 10, Broadway I feel somewhat anxious about him & I
want to know more particularly what he is about - It seems
as if Elsie is under pretty close bondage for Lucy spent more than
last night in Bangor & he could not or would not have time so much
as to go to Mt Hope with her as she very much wanted he should
indeed she has been here at all except on Sunday after meeting.

She did not call at Mr. Thomas at all - She staid in Anna's school most
ly attended to drawing and has made a tremendous proficiency in
the chance she has had to learn - Had she better have any thing more
to say to Mr. T. - She has had almost no conversation with him except by
letter she charged him ~~with~~ without reason with not believing the
Bible - which he is not willing to acknowledge I guess - The devil seems to
know what to do - but we are sure that he is not it is

I want to know more particularly about how you get along Sam afraid
you are taxing yourself to hard you certainly are if you allow your
self to set up late at night I intreat you my Dear Son not to do it make it
a rule to be in bed as early as ten o'clock Dont say now my health is good
it wont hurt me I'll risk it you may regret it when it is to late what
License have you for disobeying the physical any more than the
Moral Laws or to suppose that you can do it with impunity
Charles (as usual) is in a peck of mischief & is making money

Suey bothers him about getting married & wants to know when? he tells
if he could only get money to pay for his publishment he should right off
he and I have some pretty thick jaking now & then - Jane is quite a
help about doing chores - she has a good memory & learns pretty well she
is reading the Testament through has got to 1st Corinthian's can repeat
most all of the 5th of Matthew - Mr Daniel is in the same
person much sick when I was of it three months in the
Sick in Bangor - Do you have the Bangor Gazette to read? how Mr Walker
does bang the London Alliance - We dont take any kind of a News
paper but I say he wont till he can get money to pay for one in advance
the boys send us papers sometimes - I say again get to bed early & take
care of your health

Your Affectionate
I'll write next time. Great hurry. Going to } Mothers
(Singing school - most dark. Shut full. Suey.)

Young V. 8 on savings in a week - last good store of time. Mr. Mowbray is
from Athens, one of Mr. Harkness' pupils. Capital teacher. His address your last
good day after dinner -

Wm. A. M. Mestral

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Oct 23^d
Nov 5th 1846

Marine

Barnstable

Mr Isaac S. Mestral

Jan 5

Wilmington

Nov 7th 1846
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I can't relate a long concatenation of circumstances the why, and wherefore, (nothing very unusual however) but this is of no use — he is now again expecting a chance to sell the Gray but perhaps it will fail he has borrow'd money of Eliab to pay Everett & the "Division", but must get it for him again by 1st of Jan. — he has 6 or 8 Tons of Hay to sell but it is very low no more than 7 or 8 dollars ^{small} screw'd — it is no trial and mortification to me that we cannot send you some money

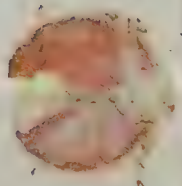
Have given of course Mother is to have such a set into bags and new ice
season to be present at the of 1000 but I don't know of the performance.

Brown has grown very fast a few years back has lately enlarg'd & new from the
his house had a party a few days before I came home gave out 420 invitations
but the evening was stormy they had between 100 & 200 and Joseph went also

Ann has as many scholars as she can well get along with and has no diffi-
culty about getting her pay for she is patronized by just the very elite of the
city but she don't say up any thing & I doubt if she ever will. I am sure
is good a chance — we got it just as quietly as I better than we expected. B. takes
care of her cattle & sheep her house is not occupied.

Sunday morning Dec 3. Chas is at home and night they made a visit at
Mr John Miller on their way from town to Bangor. I spent the Sabbath
in Bangor — He brought home a letter which you were taking to Ehab
by which I perceive you have all ready received pretty much all
the money I have written on this but before I send it as I
not think it wise to send it now — don't forget to write to me now
they're all gone I shall be quite lonely. To tell me why for you
are going to Yale — They are about trying to buy in to build
a meeting house in this town & as there are so very very few to
op it they calculate to solicit aid & beg beg every where there is
any prospect of success — Mr Sewall preaches here one eighth of the time
but all the folks that have moved here lately are universalists — the meeting in
every form is coming in like a flood & we shall be alone & with the means of
grace if there is not some exertion I say do you try and beg something for
us we are feeble poor and discouraged. The congregation but one Baptist
and unite together in making a house — the name is part of the former that
the latter is intimate that it will be a Baptist house partly tho' perhaps to
cause that Mr Pratt the proprietors Agent proposed to give something to
be in a Baptist ^{tabernacle} Mrs Chas lives in that town
ward but no matter what the name is Eliot place — Direct to Care of Mr

Little known, in regard to the number of persons who
 are disposed to buy the report of the nation's condition
 and the progress of the war. It is necessary to be the best
 informed of the public mind, and to be able to give
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My dear Sir

I have the honor

to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

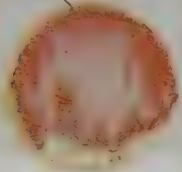
Yours, &c.

Dec. 12th 1846
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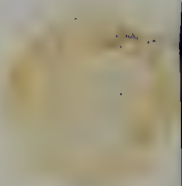
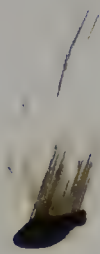
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Jan 1st 1847

My Dear Son

I rec'd your letter in journey to New Haven. I am very glad to know that you had no more to say and is it not as well that I expect on the quick traveling and loss of sleep must be occasioned great illness. Although I suppose you would hardly prefer to look at the "Liberator" and the "African" I have been told that the Liberator is not at all welcome out, at other places - I am not at all acquainted with him - but our people knew his name & we thought he was very low. He had no education - I told it to his wife. He is a married man - I heard down in Mass. - I really good for a man but I never knew a better one.

Let's thank you for your book "Philosophy". I have read it at home till this week I presume. She & Ann have enjoyed it much - It seems well calculated to make one's good grow into ripeness and the evil rootless and decay - I have but just look'd at it but it seems to me lovely excellent - many gems worth digging for - so rich they stir up feelings within me that I cannot express or define - but my intellect is so full so that a little light dazzles it & I suppose

You say you dread to go into your school again you should try to "take it easy" make it a pleasure to you as I do. But after all the easiest way & the only easy way is to be every moment on the alert and see every thing before it happens - is much better to prevent than cure.

Charles is always faulted in governing a school I think by permitting small offences pass with impunity which would weaken his authority. I presume you are a very good teacher but better for large scholars - but I think it more important even, that young children be well taught than older ones. Lucy seems to have a real gift for teaching - She was applied to to teach this winter. The school she taught last summer. I think she has a fine opportunity at Bangor and very glad to have her there - tho' I miss her company very much and so does Charles - he thinks she is one of a thousand and says she is worthy of the very best man there.

Charles has been to Bangor this week says there is a tremendous excitement there with the Free Missionaries - Eliab has been very active in permitting out among the evidence seen and heard. He is also a great deal of money of the first in society for it.

craft and fearlessness about it - But the bitter curses of the rum party & spectators for him he has been threatened with assassination I presume without saying any thing of the threats presents him with a heavy & loaded cane he has a long way you know now from the Stone home & often late in the evening. A gentleman met him in the street shook hands & left a newspaper bill in his hand saying go ahead Metcalf - He has doubtless done the city a good service but I fear that he has been to the neckers of his own party - He and another fellow went into Vinton & Horters great establishment and called for fire &c - then for Brandy & shyly bottled it & carried it off for evidence

But did nonsense for me to write you all this I suppose you get much more of the Bangor news than I do - And the family news I suppose you have over and over and over different version from each one it may be - But I feel somewhat more inclined to write & to read when I can have the time when I've nobody hardly to talk with

I am not troubled with too much stiffness my Young'uns are full of noise & frolic - James goes to school with Miriam he learns finely & is got to be quite a smart manly little fellow he is very good natured & full of fun & delights in hectoring Jane as much as you used to for Jane does not go to school but I endeavor to drill her here at home and she gets along about as fast as he does she is quicker at recollecting ^{than he is} the worst thing about James is he is very selfish - Not much to blame bred in the bone - but too very easy to make him ashamed of it

I think they are both very good children but I have to meet patience sometimes - James has learned to read surprisingly since he came here to stay & the credit of it belongs to me this I say it

It seems sometimes that Charles is doomed to always work hard to no purpose or no benefit to himself - ten thousand little disastrous occurrences such as he could neither foresee or avoid why is it? is it not because he does not ^{seek} first the kingdom of heaven - but trusts in his own strength - He has been disappointed and bothered ever ^{which way} about getting his Hay press'd wants to sell 12 or 15 tons including 4 or 5 of Alméd's but there is no prospect of selling it here at more than 5 or 6 \$ for ton or 7 or 8 when press'd

The sons of Zensherance are plowing away quite smart in this town & 3 men in this Div. a new Div. is to be ~~by~~ Organized at the Iron works next Tuesday

Is it not time my Son for you to begin to "Seek a good wife of thy God for she is the best gift of his Providence" — But seek not an heaver richer in a wife is better than with a wife however if you can be sure of the first except the other also if you have the opportunity — But be sure that she be cloth'd with furnishity as with a garment or the prophesy (if you could get it) woud make you dar by poor — However I guess you could get along in those matters without any of my suggestions

I think it ~~woud be well~~ for Joseph to get married if he could get just the right sort of a wife for him but I don't know where he could find her mo's rather think he'd have to find him — he says one hour is the time he shall take to get married that "2" minutes at all that is requir'd but he allow himself an hour because he expects to get ~~the~~ ^{he has'd} ~~the~~ as many as three times — This is silly for an old woman like me to tell over you may burn it quick as you please good bye
write often I'm here alone

I would suggest to you to be careful about your expenses in little things
I have observed that people are not near as careful about spending if
they are already in debt as when they are not

Oh how I wish I had a \$50, or even a \$100 bill to put in this but
so it is --- 'Tis all right our Heavenly Father knows what is best for us
let us trust and look to Him for wisdom to direct us in all our ways

W. H. 18 1847

My Dear Sir, I have written to you long before writing
to you again. So as to tell you what I have just found out
ie. that Charles expects to be married about the 1st of June
in either of I expect him to make known his intention,
next Sabbath. Ann expects to have a vacation in, the
school in that time & she & Lucy & I question whether
the boys will come home much from term. — I wish
with you could be here. I wish they do come & do. If they had
some money to lend to you to defray your expenses we ought
to be contented and thankful I hope I am in the main but
sometimes it seems bad enough to be so bothered for money
I did almost conclude to write to you to come home in the vacation
but I supposed it was not best for you all things considered

you had been away so much & the expense would be so much
it seems a long time to wait for May. I get it will be just

you know C. borrowed 35 dollars of Ehab to pay Everett's

He sold the grey colt at last for 75, 50 of it cash, the rest, I suppose
Buzak's paid Ehab, & borrowed of him again to get his Coat
&c. — he has not been able to sell any Hay till within a
few days for any more than 60 a ton and thought best to hold
on a few, it has just sold a few tons for 7 or rather 800 after being
deserted which is about the same — he did not raise any grain
to sell — I feel and so does Charles that you ought to have some
some money from home and that you will some time and
it gives me ~~some~~ ^{some} ~~sadly~~ sometimes that you have not had before
now but I can't help it

Can't of course pay you for it if it is best to pay it

Feb 21st 1847

Dear Brother I intended to have tried to write a letter to you but the fact is I cant, I have lost the art of writing or never knew it. Mother & Lucy have always done the family writing as you know I never make any pretensions

You are Taxed again here this year about 1, Dollar I believe last year they did not tax you, I have tried to get an abatement of ~~what~~ I paid year before last but I cannot make them hear to me, they persist in saying that you was a student in Foxcroft when you were there and therefore Taxable here. I have shown them a writing from Mr. Tash showing that you was employed by him as an ~~Assistant~~ and received pay therefor but they still will have it that you was a student

Rollins the collector says that he shall send on a warrent to an Officer there to collect your tax. You know what facts you can prove I wish you would make inquiry and be sure whether you can get clear of it, and if you wish me to do any thing about it let me know I suppose it would be much cheaper to pay it than to contend but if they have no right to it, it galls me to have them wring it out because they think you will pay so little rather than contend about it

We have began to put the law in force against rum-sellars have had two ~~truly~~ prosecutions against Monroe & he appeals, it is the determination to follow him up as long as he continues to sell. I should be very glad to have your company here in about four weeks to attend a wedding. but you must do as you think best

Mr. Tash says that if you pay them here every body has a horse tax & there is a horse tax. I don't want to be considered as a horse tax. I don't want to be considered as a horse tax. I don't want to be considered as a horse tax.

of Nov. 11th

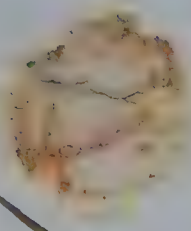
~~I had expected~~ I should have expected to have
been at home by the 11th. I shall be
in much haste that I cannot write you with the pen
I should like you to be satisfied with my health and hope that
you will be satisfied with my health and hope that

I was expecting about in the fall that I could be married in the first part of the winter and had you'd be home about that time — we want to see you very much and I want to see you about the 11th of seeing I married — there'll be no parade about it nobody but ourselves and then I don't very much expect the boys with Corrie but I hope they will do a visit immediately I feel as if it was a long time since I had a letter from you and mostly my own fault too for not writing to you before I regret it more and more that you could not be here the last week when I was here alone I should have enjoyed so much — but I perceive it is a very selfish thought for you must and ought to enjoy it better than the others are at home and so do I in fact only you are gone so long and your visits seem so short — I feel so little regretted and although that it seems as if it could never be after with the rest of us

I didn't mention when you were all here at home how "Gracious" said it would seem to be separated and feel that we shall not be likely to live together much more but have exceedingly I have been pained & have thank full I ought to be that I could have you all with me so long even though you would 4. I remember one that was a 11. I wish and children — and I am thankful — I often shed tears of gratitude — and wonder that my lack of faithfulness and more at the Delinquency in duty did not produce a very different effect so God be all the praise — and I look forward to your ^{or more easily} pieces of blessing still for you your children at least and I still improving & "promising to be" that I expect you all things in you

Mr. Charles W. Hick

Feb. 23^d 1847



11/11/47 (Pm)

Miss James P. Mott

Princeton College

Princeton

Feb. 23^d 1847
Bond. Coll.

I have been very busy but I have been thinking
of writing to you but I have been so busy that I have not
you are in circumstances about Charles so much perhaps
I suppose he does not get along so well as some would in his circum-
stances — But his health is not so good as it used to be quite and
laxer in the town are so numerous in the place and the school
and with no help but what he has — I have been very busy
a long letter now he's got married — I have been a very pleasant
good disposition kind hearted person thinks every thing of him
will be very frugal in her expenses & guess — Not overstocked with
good sense & ^{has} not so much refinement in her deportment and
conversation as I wish she had but we must put up with it
she will probably improve some

You wrote something about going to the theatre but I half suspect
you were not in earnest it seems as if you ought to be in
your studies and improving your time to the utmost for
the short time you have to stay you have been away so much.
I hope that Charles can help you to some money (so that you
will not have to leave for that) if you insist upon it and
it right — he will have to hire it — but I don't see as he can
make it out for you off of the farm if he waits long.

I shall try hard to have him hire it — But if he cannot
possibly what will you do but are your considerations about it
Charles carelessness costs him something and his never having
learned to say No costs him a great deal in little here and
there — has agreed today to help a man 3 or 4 dollars when
he ought not more than half or one third of it in my
judgment & he says he ought not himself but could not say No

Bangor and heard Ann Lucy the boys and some others perhaps
we are all pondering the matter and considering whether it
would do if some such thing should turn up I could go and
help and you might be there to her marketing &c &c and
sit by at the institution. I am sure it would be if we could
make it work all right. I am thinking it would seem
quite so much to take home to me after Lucy goes back
as it always has but I don't know yet.

I think there is some probability that Lucy and S. W. J.
will make out a co partnership of it by & by.
Eliak looks very healthy and Joseph is nearly fat more
fleshy I believe than he has ever been ~~but~~ he takes delight
in eccentricity but he is a good son & loves his boy as much
as perhaps as Eliak but E is much more generally liked.
Ann & Lucy say that those who (few in number) are ac-
quainted with Joseph esteem him very highly indeed
it seems to me I shall be more lovely than ever when
Lucy goes back.

I guess Mother don't know about "co partnership".
I am sure I don't yet. Nevertheless I shall feel it my de-
ty to take myself away from being a burden on my
children whenever I have a good opportunity; but have
not yet determined whether this is a good offer. Poor
Sam is yet in suspense!

How are you supplied with shirts, stockings &c?
Do you intend to come home in May vacation or
not till fall? We want to see you dearly. I expect
to go to Bangor soon & stay the spring term, then get
a school somewhere for the summer.

My dear Sam, I had been written the enclosed letter and taken
it to the R. C. but finding one from you he brought it back.
I suppose there is not much that is new to you in it. — We were
indeed greatly surprised to hear that you were at Crane's last night,
refraining from tears to thank him, you might have come here a few
days it seems now to be a year ago that as if I cannot wait
till your school is over before I see you but I must stop, re-
luctance to part. It seems that you have a prospect of making some
money as well as obtaining some other advantages on the whole
I am very glad — unless it is going to be a perma-
nent advantage your leaving college this term.

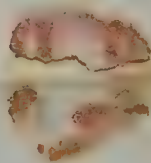
I seem in haste to get back to town, you if you continue to remain
there must be to go out there to see if I can do something for
George but for the present at least I must be home too.
I want to be very glad to be making you some thing, if I can get some
clothes — I shall be sure to get you some stockings tell if there is any
thing else I can do for you. — You must not forget to write to me
all about you self and every thing I want to know and in particular
what you intend to do with yourself in future so you mean to continue
to teach, teach or do you aspire to something else after a time
or more. If I can't play like you I want to see you every day.
You believe you say so.

B. W. Fries
M. J. Ring
H. W. Ramey
M. J. Bray
A. W. Frost
H. C. Bond
H. Colburn
D. W. Colburn

Mrs. A. M. Menden

Milo

March 27th 1847



Maria

Bro.

Mr. Isaac S. Menden

Dear

(Said)

Milo
Mar 27th

March 29th 1847
Ore

My Dear Son

Milo 16. Oct. 11

I received your letter 2 days since and was as usual very glad I had begun to feel anxious to hear how you got along in your school— am very much gratified to learn that you are so pleasantly situated have such a fine school &c— But it is truly amazing that your school should close with singing when you know so little about it— I suppose you cannot tell whether they sing well or not

As to money matters and in regard to your getting any from here I don't know any thing what can be done. 'Tis true "there's property here— but as Sam'l Furber says the more property a man has in Milo the poorer he is— 'Tis needless I believe that Farmers will not pay any more than 4 percent— and the Taxes in this town are from 5 to 6 percent

It seems sometimes as if C. did not manage so well as he might or he would not be so perplexed and bothered to get along but tis a fact that there are very few men in town if any that do make a living of it that have nothing but a farm to depend upon at least all do have some other resource C. always has you know and does yet talk about leaving here and trying to get a living somewhere else but I don't see how he can do that either for he could not sell and he has nothing to start with unless he could

Albina I think will be a helpmate for him but I am apprehensive that he will always be poor - there is so much more to do on this farm than he possibly can do in order to get any profit from it

It seems you just began to realize what I have so often told you that you ought to have some end in view some object to fix your mind upon in order to make your course straight without which you cannot expect to attain to any thing very excellent

I have often told you to "Look up" you know - but I don't mean up over other men's heads gassing and careering after the phantom Dame or mounting on the whirlwind Ambition - But look up for direction in the path of duty for that true humility which while it bends the will in complete and sweet submission to God enables the man and enables him to face his fellow ^{in any situation} man with more true dignity than all that pomp and circumstance can give

I have felt very anxious about "what you would do in the world" but I feel comparatively easy about it now. It is better to follow the direction "be not anxious" & and remember that "your Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things" - and press on in the path of duty so far as we can see the way clear and He will give light and success.

The least thought of your being a physician seems very very intimate to me. but if you carefully watch the indications of Providence & submissively take the part allotted you you will doubtless find enough to do

you say, you are not in the wrong, my opinion agrees with
yours I presume you are not. Please to direct for these things.

I don't say that that is your proper calling — But I say if that seems to
be the path of duty I want you should submissively walk in it — Do not you
wonder when you walk round and see the moral wastes in our country and
Error rushing in like a flood from other countries and the great destruction of
principled Educated men — that God may have something in store for us —
that He will furnish from His own store the strength and resources
amplify, sufficient for you if you are willing to be His devotee. So say it.

18th We got a letter from Eliab last night how I should like to have been
in your midst fast day — What do you think a Eliab is there any thing of
him but for a and nonsense — I wish he would be a little more serious in
new name the less cheerful — How happy & thankful I ought to be that you
are all so near me and all doing so well — But I feel myself separated
from you all ~~and~~ and the days will open that show I am ~~separated~~
won't get half your pay — You know the "Plan of Discontent" one must
look out sharp or they'll lose their eye teeth and every thing else if any
one leaves your school I would look after them immediately i.e. have an
eye on them — You have probably heard of Mrs. Abigail Greenleaf's death
She was, I think a very superior woman was very calm and happy in
the near prospect of Death

C. says the sons of Fernis are number 60 or more in this Division
thinks they have done much good in this town and therefore I tell them
to tell him that they get only the skins with the cream keep out of
such as Dr. Kimball and Mr. Haskett &c. but he says they are coming in
by and by Good bye until soon

to your affectionate Mother M. H. H. H. H.

Mother

M^o

April 16th 1847

L. Hilo Capra 20,

paid 5

Mr. James J. Metcalf

Drum

Murine

April 21st 1847

Drum

~~Wrote~~

Wills July 10th 1847

My Dear Son

I began a letter to you a long time ago but as I
not finish it thought I'd wait till after the children came home, Friday we
188 hired a horse and carriage for \$6.00 and returned Monday. ^{Mr. Bacon was just going to Boston} Mass. yesterday did not
come - we all had a real good time & that you would have been here

Recd your letter account of journey back in one season was my glad thank
you for it - Am sorry I've not written to you sooner can hardly give any sufficient
reason why I have not - have thought of it and intended it almost every day
you & Case walked to far or to fast perhaps - I do feel considerable anxiety
about your health - not because it does not appear to be perfectly good now &
likely to be so for years to come if you would only do right - but because you
are certainly too presuming - as it appears to me - you are a likely tempt
Providence - in such frequent irregularities in regard to Sleep. Such ex-
posure to wet (as walking in the rain when here for instance) and extreme fati-
gue sometimes - your College or Society trifles must be awful things
for the health - I do know that several times while you were here at home
you were here at home you did transgress the physical laws of your being
(not by high living at all, at all) but by working not sleeping & not eating early
enough - If you should have an severe fit of sickness and then get to enjoy
the most perfect health even, you would never be so careful in that respect as
you are now - Charles has come nothing, yet about \$2000.00 but means
to & Albina will put him up to it

We at last, I talk a good deal about a Settlement amicably of course
tho' Joseph got almost as bad as I did because he always wants to bring my
business to a point at once you know they make out for it to agree
upon an amount of \$5000 or \$25000 - can the boys & sisters make a memorandum

of it but the time was so short they made no other writings let it all
lay as at present till autumn—The Corn came up finely & then the
hens pulled it up some of it 2 or 3 times over—It is now growing very nicely
looks well and C has not been sorry at all that he planted it—The grass
you see looks better fully even now the box containing both Mentha & Sweet
William, & others are splendid, you can't think how very priced by grass
flovrisher since you got it so nice—There are 30 or 40 large new leaves and
about 60 buds! it will be all in full bloom by the time you come home

I don't know what you'll do for money—I've been trying & trying to get L. to
tell what he is going to do about it—but he says as he always does—he don't
know—I have bang'd ^{him}—he says he means to pay as soon as he can with his
best cow and line back to Bangor if it is best, but thinks he cannot get at this
time of year near their value—I don't want it so for you to have the money
for 26 or 28 months and he pay it—I would give him a little more time

what interest should you have to give—he says his credit is not so good and
he should have to give 25 percent

I would have sent this sooner but I wanted to find out something more
definite about money—But what are you going to do when you get thro' I
want dreadfully that you should come right home and stay I wish more than
if it could be best for you but I suppose you need to be doing something or trying
to do something to set yourself agoing in the world—I long to have you get into
something or other where you must steadily & faithfully ^{and constantly} apply yourself to
for I am really afraid that your desultory habits of reading & study and every
thing ^{else} is going to be the ruin of your Character if you don't take care

If you do not succeed in getting any business (on Kent road or any where)
shall you not conclude that it is your Duty to give up Self seeking and study
Theology—there seems to be no doubt that you might be if you really try
a useful minister by the time you are 30 years old. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

~~think~~ think that you will not be fit for that over anything else you are so
extravagantly fond of Novel reading but you can govern yourself can't you

I believe that S. & L. have about concluded to enter into partnership for life

E. says he likes Liz Quimby & he guesses she likes him but he told me seriously
I thought that he did not expect to have her (but by what he said to J. & the girls
about her coming up with them, they thought the matter was settled & they
were really engaged) but E. says she is too old for him & I think she is the most
in years (only one year) but she is 5 or 6 years older in most things. he is green
in some things as well as young — She is a very smart girl — "wants a horse, and
fascinated him before he knew ~~it~~ and now his judgment tells him that she
^{will have} has more influence over him than any one ought to have over another.

That's my guess, but it is silly to write all this stuff — It seems to me that Liz
wants to do better for Joseph — I would like to see all about your thoughts and you
don't be so negligent about writing as I have been — Lucy's health
better, she has no cough, but she also has no appetite. She went on the
garden &c &c — B. talks of going to Bangor tomorrow or next day to carry some
things & get Flour Corn Salt &c he has not begun Haying probably will
not till next week. July 13th

I have not begun to realize, have only looked at it in
the distance, the thought that L. has given herself away &
that I & her have loved her so well & done so much for her must
give her up to a stranger — I can bear the absence of a child
but such a transfer of the affections it seems so like losing a
child you can't know what it is till you have the trial
good bye my dear son may the blessing of God attend you
A M M

Do you know any thing about George's whereabouts? Another day you too
it about when you were at home. He got me a nice fish for supper,
and I want him to look at for a moment very much indeed, but can-
not have time to write this time. But will send a
long letter very soon.

A. M. M. M.

July 10, 1847

Yours truly

Mr. M. M. M.

July 14th 1847
Dorchester

Mrs. L. M. McKeay

Lila
July 26th 1867

Will. Maria July 26th

Mr. Isaac S. (Mud) 2000.

P. M. M. M. M. M.

M. M. M.

July 28th 1867
Bowd. Coll.

Trials we must all have, my Son I feel the weight of
yours about business matters exceedingly but I cannot help it
I can only commend you to the Care of Alm without whose notice not a
sparrow falls to the ground — I've nothing more to write me'll
say the rest when you get home I wish Lucy had written sooner
I fear this will not reach you before you'll be on the way home

Mother.
Oct. 1847

Ver 5th/9
Wm Wells

My Dear Son I need not attempt to tell you how
glad we were & how much happiness it gave us to receive 16
pages of very very interesting letters thank you thank you very
soon - my heart is full of love of hopes & fears & anxieties for
my children especially for you who are away there - you
complain that we do not write as much as you - We ought and
will endeavour to write as often but we have not as much to write
as for news ~~and~~ have none that is worth writing Lucy'll write it
if there is - & I am so awkward and un-comfort in my way of ~~it~~
expressing what I feel or say thing else that I might as well
not try - I have got his plowing most all done his crops all in. has
not got his manure out it has been done it has rained a great
deal of the time for 4 or 5 weeks past

At Mr Hale's lecture at the Village on Palestine and Scripture
History last evening was well liked - Do you not feel the want of
Literary and religious Society or do you have it - The use key
is bright - so Religion is a jewel that to be enjoy'd must be carefully
watch'd and kept bright - it may also can be enjoy'd in silence
and secrecy but in your circumstances is it not a treasure
that cannot consistently be kept hid - I have an Idea tho' I can't
express it exactly that there is a family or hereditary fault
belonging to the Stevens's (brother Joseph has considerably got the
the better of it tho' by hard trying) of standing back, giving way to much
to others, ^{from duty} shrinking ^{from duty} on whatever you call it, I can't tell you what
you can think it out, & apply it to yourself and let your good
get the better of it, & leave your self to direct & command where
it is your proper province to do so - "Those that are willing to
take the labouring oar will find those about them that are willing
they should have it" Try to think that you can do as well as others

You'll say why did not you leave me that when I was young?
you'll find the ^{important at least} answer in the Idea I have just try'd to express
and could not make out - You are for trouble I do think in getting
into business & business in your prospects - very likely I have been
often inconsistent but it is rather a mother's to worry but they
say I know always "which way to go."

it is very singular & I don't like it that Cousin Hannah Parsons did not introduce you to Mary's Daughters and to Arden - Arden the humble and obscure in her view perhaps, is far her superior she is very retiring i.e. has a good deal of Shyism about her, is an orthodox devoted Christian, united by Marriage to a Man 22 years older than herself rich but so manner minded and close that she has many trials which she bears with the most perfect resignation. I want to know what kind of a woman the Field who is your present head is - is he a Northfield Field how do you like the Northfield Unitarian Minister

You give an amusing tho' probably correct description of Uncle J. & Aunt C. I should like very much to know what they think of you - You have not mention'd Maria Stiers is she at home? and ^{how} do you like Joseph et.?

You enquire the cause of Brother Joseph's being tho' he is - is it not partly that he had a devoted pious tho' severely afflicted Father who was a reading, thinking man and moreover 5 Sisters older than himself who loved the little motherless fellow as they did their eyes, watch'd over him cautions, and counsel'd him besides sometimes as to any certain knowledge getting up at dead of night to press down ^{with the tears dripping on his cheeks} a few thoughts (the offspring of anxious fears) for his benefit - lest they should slip from the memory before the morning light - His situation for a time was perilous in the extreme temptations peculiar and strong he narrowly escap'd being a drunkard - the many many earnest prayers for him were answer'd to God be all the praise

Do you have time opportunity and desire for reading the Bible and prayer I need not say time and and opportunity for prayer you have it always. Let not your misimprovement be your condemnation. Let not be like your mother but "let your light so shine &c" your profession and your education lay on you a responsibility which you cannot throw off

You will observe that I say nothing at all to you about being content of your health - I suppose the Children at Bangor have a letter to you since receiving yours or I should have written last week. May the blessing of God attend you and his Spirit guide you on all your ways & keep you from every evil
good night. A.M.M.

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I don't think much of this, better do you? Perhaps I'll do better next time.



you might each be benefited by the other &c &c
 But I suppose he writes to you his plans and cogitations
 Shaks health is better now but he has got to be
 very careful as Dr Kimball says or his health will be no
 better than Luys has been these seven years past
 Good bye My Dear Son A.M.M.

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Mr. Isaac S. Melcay.
 Care of A. F. Edwards Esq.
 Northfield
 Mass.

Dec. 8th 1874
 Northfield.

Wile Dec. 30

St. M. Melcay
 Wile
 Dec 3rd 1874

J. M. Melcay

11th Feb 1848

My Dear Son,

The folks are all a bed & I am tired but will begin a letter to you. You wish you had Charles's oxen there I wish you had too for he has had no opportunity to sell 'em. you know there has been no snow scarcely not enough to make sleighing about here except a very few days till the 28th of Jan. & the frost about the small fax had its effect too so that there has not been so much call for woods oxen as usual

Charles thought it would do to keep great oxen and not have them earn anything so he went off to work with 'em about 8 miles beyond the foundry (hauling shingle shingle & logs for Mr. Holman & Hector Sargent) has been gone 3 weeks — 4 weeks ago today old Mrs. Bickford died was carried to Charleston to be buried Mr. Kittredge had one horse — & so while the father & Mother & Nellie & Charles & the Doct. were all gone Albina was taken sick (sooner than we expected) the Doct. was gone to the foundry but got back barely in time to bring us a nice Boy we expect to have him tomorrow what will he think eh! Lucy ^{was} gone to Bangor some expect her home tomorrow Miss O. Fisher kindly consented to come and help me a few days till L. gets home — She went down with Sam'l was going to Hampden too to look at the House where she expects to live next summer — I feel very well satisfied with her choice am glad she has found a friend & just such a friend — But what shall I do without her she is such a good good girl — All — everything that a mother could expect or reasonably wish in a Daughter

Notwithstanding I am pleased and glad to have her go yet the thought of it has already cost me many tears I'll that never happened you'll say

13th Baby is a week old today. Charles knew nothing about it till he heard it cry as he was coming in at the door Saturday night as he returned from the Mountain — he was very much overcome. I can tell you with what an "assertionment" emotions, & feelings

Charles has 28 \$ a Month for himself and oxen Hinam takes care of the Barren Cows the wood he is going back again in a few days left his Oxen there isn't it funny that he should go into the woods to work this Winter for the first time however he was under a kind of necessity of going as he could not sell his Oxen & is paying 25 percent interest for money till he can pay for them — Lucy returned from Bangor Saturday night the brethren were all well and we are "well as could be expected" at home Almida and her children are well she and James take care of the 2 cows and the sheep without any help except Althrans occasionally — We have perhaps 2 feet of snow very much drifted — So got her a new pretty dress for the occasion for which Eliab gave or lent her the money.

You say who is Nathiel Stevens — Cousin Natty is son of Gove Stevens My Father's brother who lived & died in Warrick he was a good smart man rather great in mathematical knowledge he had a son Graduate at Harvard College extra scholar but died a drunkard soon after 2 other sons other I can't live in Eastport we are sick — Natty is ever so loving but very little like his Mother as I never liked him a bit — He has got a smart wife and some likely children his oldest son in particular so they told me when I was there — Perhaps it is not worth your while to attempt to become acquainted with all your Second Cousins but it would take but a short time to introduce you to all your own or first Cousins about there — Only two on your father's side Sam'l & Josiah — And ably Brother Joseph's Sister Conant & Mr. Williams's children — you have seen Mrs. Godard ^{fine woman she is} in Bangor. Mrs. Ardena Dickensons I have told you about she is some like Almida in her household management has a good mind deep sensible & smart but exceedingly depressed by circumstances a husband 22 years older than herself ignorant and miserly she would like to read all the time she I suppose never looks in a book.

Have you been made acquainted with your Cousin Mary Williams' Children Mary & Lucy Barber who live there on the the Street — Cousin Mary was a peculiarly fine & virtuous sensitive generous noble hearted pious girl when quite young she was married to Charles Barber who I cannot judge from what I have heard was as different from her as light from darkness a hypocritical miserly cold hearted cruel & very sensitive to every nature sink under his cruel treatment — She became insane — and died — Her Daughter Mary Barber I thought was a very lovely girl I wish you'd become acquainted with her you will wonder why Elizabeth and Mary should both choose such companions I can tell you in a word they were rich and your uncle William his sister and his mother (who was then living) thought that property was every thing all in all

Well — you must wait another lesson upon Genealogy this time I give —

There have been a good many cases of small pox in the village it has been in 3 or 4 different Families in the village — But Lucy has I see written you all about it — About your coming home we do want to see ^{you} very much indeed — But if you have got a right good chance there I suppose you ought not to give it up for any trifling considerations (I don't mean that the occupation is a trifling one) but that you must try & pull every string to make them let you come & be gone a fortnight & keep your situation if you can't do any thing else can not you get someone to supply your place in your absence

About my going back with you I should enjoy it very much but I have not got the fix for it — nor the money to bear my expenses

I do hope that I shall go there some time perhaps there will be a way in a year or two when they get the Great road made to Bangor

Mrs Lee started off alone to Templeton ^{as it were} when she was most ten years older than I am good night my Dear Son A. M. Mellett

Wm. A. M. Mearns
Wile
Feb. 13th 1848

Wm. A. M.

Northfield

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Mrs. D. W. M. M. M. M.

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March 4th 1848

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My Dear Brother

I suppose if I wish to write to you again before you start for home, I must send by Monday's mail, so I'll write a few, as time is, I don't know as 'tis really necessary to write again. Your kind letter - without any particular date - was rec'd last night, and I'm glad we were to see it, as we have been waiting to hear from you before making a final decision on the time. The V. I was so glad to see! Though it shows your thoughtfulness and dear brotherly kindness, for I feel that you ought not to read it. The "Leaves" I think would be very beneficial to me, and I intend to have them, if obtainable in Bangor but the "Leaves" of your last letter I wish to return to you. I am so glad you are coming, and do hope you will be able to be here a week or fortnight before the 17th, else I shall have no time to see you, hardly. Mother is all ready - could go just as well next week as any time, as for that. I feel really relieved that she is going - she will enjoy herself so much better than here alone with Albina all summer. 'Tis for the best good of all parties that she absent herself a while, I think. I believe Ann has written you all her plans - which by the way are not few - for coming home, when she wants you to be in Bangor to come up with them &c. I believe the last plan is to get a carriage and all come up together guests & all, Sat. or Mond. previous. Ann is "all agog" as the saying is. Hope they will all realize as much and

joyment as they anticipate. For my part, I do not begin to realise yet that I am going away from here to live, that this is no longer to be my home. It seems to me it will be a long time before any other place will really seem like home.

I dread so much parade & so many folks about looking at me. Good mind to make it a clandestine affair and elope? I feel as if I am taking upon myself responsibilities which I am utterly incompetent to meet. Certainly unassisted by Divine Grace, I shall fail. You will pray for me that I may receive wisdom & strength from above to guide & keep me aright? I believe I have not told you of the change in Samuel's views & feelings. He hopes, & I think I have no reason to doubt, that he is a Christian. He seems very different from what he did a year ago. I think truthfulness & sincerity is a marked trait in his character. He has spoken of uniting with the church. We shall attend meeting at the Hall in Bangor, & he will probably join that church. Here is not great reason for gratitude to God for His many mercies, and especially for this. He goes to Hampden the first of next week to stay till the rest of the folks come home?

You kindly caution me about my health - much obliged, but - I do think you would do well to heed your own advice on that subject. I am afraid that you will sometime feel that you have abused that precious flipping - health. I have not been quite as well as usual for a week or two past. But feel better today. I give you, if, in his late works, Tupper has lost his character, for Proverbial Philosophy is my oracle almost. Longfellow's poem I shall be glad to see. I like him much. Wish I had a peep at your

I don't know what you'll say to me when you come. I've taken your book box to put some of my things in to carry off. Had it anything else. Joe carried away all your books away when he was at home - We take you sometimes to gather your possessions together - himself grows beautifully now - a day -

little bundle of literature. though I just now I don't find a great deal of time to read. How he likes the paper, the paper doing - there, I made a little letter - and the subscription they make - nearly every day. I see a present last week of half a dozen silver buttons from the people. I see a present, what is it? I have always had kind friends - very kind - who have done for me all I need, and I hope to be that I cannot see it at first hand. Well good night dear brother - I hope to see you in the course of a fortnight, certainly. I am going to visit Joe. to bring him home with him. I cannot afford it. I hope he likes her that I am going to see to see it. I hope to see it.

My
Northfield
Mrs J. J. Nuttall

They say that Smith and Lingee here were made up again. he cannot hurt to Bangerd and there, which he has not done like nearly. even the action from the south. He has then engaged & disengaged a number of times. I say the more I see they are engaged to him, and so he has off.

I have not been much acquainted in Northfield but have
supposed it a bad place as to the character of its inhabitants as proved
by the street - I have often heard "Old Masons" preach he used to be called
a smart preacher I doubt whether his preaching, ever did me or any
body else any good I recollect I used to think it more an elaborate
disertation than a sermon and to hear many coarse and droll
anecdotes about him - I shall not talk to you about being sick
but I do feel somewhat ashamed at the thought of your taking
Chloroform and I entreat you not to do it again - All though
you seem to think it helped you yet I don't believe it ought to be
taken except in extreme cases to be sure I don't know any thing
about it but I have a right to be afraid of it. You seem to have
a good deal of confidence in your friend Field, I hope he will prove
himself to be all you wish - I feel a little apprehensive and yet
I feel some ashamed of that same apprehension - for they tell me
that I am too suspicious and apt to suspect to wrong motives that
which appears fair, sometimes - and it may be so - but I know
that at 25 or 30 years I was as unsuspecting credulous and
simple hearted as any one could be - It is very possible I've got
to find the other way now

Mother & Lucy

Milo

April 22nd 1848
April 26th 1848

April 28th 1848
Northfield

My Dear Son

I have nothing in particular to write but as Humphrey & Marnah are going to Northfield I will just say that I am well & happy had the great pleasure of seeing very unexpectedly Mr. Reed & Mrs. Vose here to visit mine (old playmates) that I have dearly loved and not seen them for a long time I have some things in your trunk you know I thought at first that I should have you send them here but on second thought I believe I had better when I have seen Sister Corant go to Northfield and make my visit there soon I will let them be till then

I shall calculate to go to Mr. Dickersons and Sister Esther to be there with me — let me know whether you need soon any thing done about shirts if you do — & it is convenient for you to get it you can take from your trunk a bundle of new ^{cotton} cloth with some linen inside of it (it was not done up in anything or piled up at all I believe) but I have no more here and it is of no use to me so put yourself to no inconvenience unless you will be likely to need before I can get your shirts done —

Those familiar and natural the great ledges & rocks and every thing about here does look

write to me often do I want I want to know all about what you are doing and how you get along as much as if I was at White — I sent on a letter to the folks yesterday

Mother
May 23rd 1848.
Warwick

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Northfield

Mr. G. J. M. M. M.

May 27th 1848.
Northfield

My Dear Son,

If you get this in season i.e. before your uncle Joseph comes from Greenfield I wish you would send the stockings come up in a paper and label'd and Jane & Marya want to read it. Brother Joseph thinks he shall not have to go to Northfield again for about 4 weeks. When I get your shirts done I will send them by stage unless I have some other opportunity should like ^{to} whiten them a while if you can do without them — I wish you would write to me and tell me, now and then, how you get along and if you have any letters from home send them — I expect to go to Sister Conant's tomorrow.

I left the Bosom you handed me with Jane for you the shirt I have got here I will wash it & send it with the others I am afraid you are needing them now —

I shall go to some time next week to Mr. Withers if I can conveniently

Mr. Parsons will be coming out every day this week

Mrs. H. M. Metcalf
Harrish
June 13th 1848

Mr. J. S. Metcalf

Northfield



June 14th 1848
Northfield

My Dear Son

June 19th

I reciev'd the bundle and a letter from you I am glad you have written to Uncle Det but dont think it likely that he will come up & if he does it will be probably after I am gone you know that Anns Vacation is the 3 last weeks of August and I had better get through with my visiting and go to Boston as soon as about the 20th of August if your Uncle writes to you let me know and I dont know but it would be a good plan to let Uncle Enocks folks know that I am here and as they do visit at Royalston once in a while they may possibly make it convenient to come — I dont think I had better try to go to Lowell if they want to see me they can come to Royalston. — I had a letter from Lucy as you know & I sent it by Mr. Parsons the next day he said he handed it to Mr. Field the same day why have you not seen it

I am very sorry I did n't call on Mrs. Piper got all ready to that day I came away but the wind blew so hard I could not very well — had I better make my calculations to go to Hingham and return again to Warrick or go there last and start for home from there I shall probably be at Mr. Williams last part of next week — If you think it best and conveniently come to Brother Josephs some Saturday let me know when and I'll endeavor to be there

Mrs. A. M. Meade
Warwick
June 19th 1878

June 29th 1878
Noted

Warwick July 10th 48

my Dear Son

Mr. Parsons has
sent for Brother Joseph to go to
Northfield so I'll drop a line or two

I've got hold of a quill pen if it
was only a good one I'd be glad

I hear you've got better horses
I wish I could see them so much

— I very much expect that
your Uncle Jeth will visit at Konab
ton this season but not till I am
gone home and I expect too that
your Uncle Humphrey will come
but not till I am gone for probably
he'll think he can not come till
after Haying — I have visited all
the cousins in the other part of the of
the town (and feel quite relieved) had a
very pleasant time tho' but you know I
don't have to run about from place to place
any more — However Cousin Joseph said
he should be out here again this week
& I expected me to go back with him &
I think I shall if he does for I shall
be likely to see more of you & they
are I suppose rather homesome now

Mother
Warwick
July 10th 1848

July 1848
Northfield

at Dorchester Joseph

My Dear son

Monday 24th July

I feel a good deal disappointed that I cannot see you more - I had calculated to ride with Mr. Sedd today with Brother, but I conclude from what I can find out that I should not be exactly welcome any where or rather it would not be exactly convenient James Mother is with her & in a few days she is going to ~~Shelburne~~ with her mother to stay a while I don't see as ~~she~~ I shall have any chance to see you at all - I spent last week with Sister Conant & Brooks have stayed there it is much if I had not thought of going to Dorchester I did not go to Winchester last week - Guess I shall go down to Maj. Gales and Mrs. Davises i.e. on Muddy Brook and try to get from there to Winchester and make a visit and get back here by next Saturday or it is possible I may go from there to Royalston but I guess not I believe the stage does not run from Winchester to Royalston now. If I should go from there I will endeavour to let you know - If I can't see you or let me hear from you often I want to see the letters if you have had any I want very much indeed to know how Joseph gets along - I want to see Lucy & all of them so that I am almost homesick

Living at Buehnap about here tho' I am not had much time to get any work you could have some of them

My dear Mr. [illegible]
I have just received your letter of the 10th inst.
and am very glad to hear from you. I am well and
hope this finds you the same.

I have been thinking much lately of the
future of our country and the people who
live in it. It seems to me that we are
going through a great crisis and that the
outcome will determine whether we are to
remain a united people or become a collection
of warring states.

I am sure that you are also thinking of these
things and that you are doing all you can to
bring about a peaceful solution of the
problem. I am sure that you are right and
that the only way to preserve our Union is
by maintaining the principles of liberty and
justice for all.

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Albion
Winnick
July 1848

July 1848
W. J. Field

Wile Sept 13th

My Dear Son

I have just ascertained that Ann has really determined to go away. has written to the Committee of the "Ladies Society" at Hartford - has received an invitation from them and concluded to accept it - She starts next Thursday is to be at Hartford 28th of Sept - I have felt very bad about her going still I don't know but it is best - It seems like her being thrown out upon the sympathies of a cold unfeeling world. She is naturally so confiding and credulous to be away off without a Brother or Sister or any tried friend - I want you should make enquiries all about the schools and every thing in the west that would probably affect her

I know almost nothing about that Society - except that there is now a kind of examining Committee of Ladies at Hartford & that applicants for schools are there going through a course of preparation Ann expects to be there till, and during the first week or till the 8th or 10th of October - Now I want you should be sure and write to her and give her all the information and advice you can. I fear she is going in the dark and will - Stumble

you will know how to direct a letter to her I suppose I wish I had a report of the Society perhaps you have it - there are 2 Societies the one she is going to is the one that Governor Shade was President or Director of I don't know who is now - Ann has been very useful to us all and to the community & a very disinterested person her great fault seems to be that she is not selfish enough to hoard up money

She has done good enough in Bangor in training the youthful mind in virtuous paths to be entitled (if right ruled) to a good living the rest of her days - She is certainly too good a girl to be thrown away

I suspect she has suffered ^{felt more keenly} more the past summer in consequence of Joseph's embarrassment his distressed & dejected looks and hints about his helping her &c. than he is aware of — on the other hand she has had to do a great deal for her scholars to please them & their parents and dress a great deal more necessarily than she would in some places

Charles has about as many vexations and perplexities as usual has not sold his Oxen yet — You know ^{how} he borrowed money bought Harness &c — He had a fine crop of Oats expected 300 bushels — ~~but~~ — when he had just begun to harvest them he stuck a jack knife in to his knee — Lame for a fortnight — meantime got what help he could — but they are part of them out in the field yet — Grown shell'd out — and half wasted — It has rained so often that he could not possibly get any dry — 2 heifers died lately that he sold much upon for cows — Sued for his taxes again &c &c Old Slave is worn out and smokes so continually I can hardly live or breathe — He must get a new one — So much for the Lumbro side

He has let Pratt have 60 dollars worth of young cattle towards paying for East lot — And has got one Cow, the Oxen worth 70 dollars & about 20 tons of Hay if he can sell them to good advantage he can begin to pay Joseph, his Dower note & Taxes &c

Elmeda is well her children have been some unwell baby has been quite unwell 4 or 5 weeks — I spent most a week at Lucy's Mehitable was there all the time and Olive part of the time

Came home with Maj Furburn Miserable old Shaw horse with Mehitable to drive and most all the way in a pouring rain from 4:30 in the morning till 6 at night — rather dreary was it

you don't know how bad I feel about Ann, going away it seems as if I could not bear it so sudden and I don't know where she'll go I've shed more tears in three days than in as many years before

The baptist people in this town are about building a meeting house. the Congregationalists have no part or lot in the matter Mr Jones was building a house and learning last winter he now preaches about every Sabbath but he carries on his learning also by hiring a teamster

I cant think of any thing else worth writing & I'm sure what I have written is not very well worth reading, so much to write quick I cant imagine why I have not heard any thing from Sister Lois I feel very anxious to hear I'm writing in the dark so I'll quit now good night

I have not felt like writing at all this time or perhaps I should make out better my work or had too much to do with you and be as a matter of fine mind about you to preserve you from all evil

A M M

Mother
Milo
Sept. 1848 1848

Blackford (N) (S)
Sept 1848

Mr. J. S. McCreary

Northfield

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Sept. 1848
Northfield

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My very Dear Son

I have heard that you wrote to Lucy that you had seen Dick but have not seen the letter. Should have felt less anxious perhaps if I had - why did not you write to me about it just as soon as you did - I am not particular as to time but I think it better to be sure of the truth - and that cold water is not a Panacea for every thing - I have no doubt that it is good in very many cases - but I do happen not in every one. I do verily believe that you have put too much confidence in the cold water treatment - you may laugh at my fears and anxieties about you but you may find by better experience that it would be better for you to be a little more than the pills - since you are flesh & blood and of live passions

Ann is gone really you is I suppose or has way from Albany to Buffalo today expects to pass the Sabbath in Buffalo - I feel very anxious to hear from her, again don't know yet where she is to be located. Have you written to her you can't imagine how bad I feel to have her so far from my home

Charles seems to want to go ^{anywhere} ~~anywhere~~ ^{anywhere} but thinks he can't move I shall talk about it now and then if he has no uncommon bad lucks think he will "wigglen" himself in to a better condition in a year or two but in consequence of not getting his oxen sold last winter & they got lame besides he has had to hire money to pay for them & then hire more to pay that has lately been paid by Hollins for an old disputed affair, tax about the bridge he built couldn't get pay for and must not pay his

I suppose you hear from the folks at Bangor about as
often as I do — Charles was calculating to go with his wife to
make a visit at Hampden & Bangor this week (by the way
Albina has hardly left home for a side of pleasure at all) but there
always some bad luck you know ^{being in to have the goat all} the goat must
be taken out of the barn leg smelted very bad brake out in
Janes he don't know what it is but that is all that
be don't know it is a bad summer and it will spoil the
beast —

of Sept 2nd

I have just been reading your letter again I appreciate your
work we think there is correct on the value of money where it
where it is most needed &c and think we ought to have made more
exceptions and if we could have had a full and realizing view of
standing of the case in all its bearings we should have helped
you more if we had to make great sacrifices even to distress
ourselves to do it but tis past we cant recall it perhaps we had
better think it is some way or other all for the best possibly it
might not have done you any more good than it will now if ever you
get it C. says tell him to say what he thinks it ought to be and
I pay it as soon as I can says you ought to have it and wish you
could have it

I wish you could get a situation of the Eastern or St Lawrence
R.R. so as to be nearer home & nearer the boys

The folks as business will perhaps come but I have not written to
them the season it baby has been sick good deal to do good deal
to think of Ann going now gone feel spiritless and I
mean to write before long so write often.

This is a mixt up mess I have written it as and when
I could pick it out and put it together as it ought to be
if you can.

I understand what you mean by connected But I say we are
connected — & how nobly! Have we not the Son of God here
Self for our friend had we not better be satisfied with
that and labor manfully as he directs — will not the
wages be sufficient for us think ye

I do not wonder that you are doubtful and disponding
Sometimes it is so after the heat of us frail erring sin-
ner mortal — by the way I think you are in the main highly
favored in having a happy disposition or frame of mind for
governing it as it seems to me you do seldom give way to
despondency — your present situation as to society must
be I think rather unfavorable to the enjoyment of that
Peace which is as a River — The unrelaxed Unitarianism
about there tho' I see clearly now that it is all error did disturb
my mind somewhat

Look not my Dear Son for worldly amusement or recreation
or for self for self's sake as much as we need of these things
will be added — But I would have you try try to get above
the fear of man — You have in your nature a very great
share of timidity or delicacy of feeling a germ which does
not pass well with common minds — they don't know its
value indeed you'll find very few that will appreciate it
they will call it something else and treat it accord-
ingly — I can sympathize with you exactly in re-
gard to the art of speech — We are not connected you say allow
What what would be the benefit of me were we all too proud to make any
acknowledgment of it if we are — your position is such that you perhaps might
easily ingratiate yourself with old H. Everett so that he would interest him-
self in your behalf but you are too proud to do it you can't stoop now any of the
rest of us — especially Charles he has had trouble and cost in conse-
quence with H. Everett &c. Tho' there are many things may be
done without stooping — ^{with} Charles by drawing in his horns keeping out of sight the
sharp corners using a little "soft soap" &c. &c.

Mr. 2. Jan 1848
 in a little small hole he had dug in the ground to get out
 water only large enough to dip a pint - it appeared that
 he threw himself in backwards was not met when they found
 him only his head & shoulders - his back was sick or was very nervous
 probably deranged

1848

Kirkland the
 letter

Mr. J. S. Metcalf

Northfield

Ms



Wm. A. M. Metcalf
 Milo
 Dec. 13th 1848

Dec. 18th 1848
 Northfield

Wilo 12, Oct '48

My Dear Son,

I have this afternoon received your letter dated Oct 3rd. Had just sent off one to you only the day before. I thought of writing I M I had another business to move in I had. Should not write again now but for you in your letter this fall and I want a little of your help am very glad of your letter to C. wish you would send on more back. He is determined to vote for Taylor. It seems as if to induce him not to for I don't know enough to argue the case with him. He says its evident that Cass or Taylor will be President. That Taylor is a poor & will do right and he don't feel justified in throwing his vote away by voting for Van Buren or helping Cass even so little by not voting for Taylor. If it was between Cass & Van Buren I should vote for the latter. That he is for Free Soil but that that is the way to obtain it.

You say Joseph C. is a good fellow I think so I had got an impression I cant think now or which way that he was a good fellow. I think he is a little more kind to be overrated in his character (I have not been much acquainted with him you know) but when I look in his face tho' he is exceedingly shrewd ~~as well as cunning~~ ^{as well as cunning} smart, & intelligent I can see I think entire truthfulness and sincerity which makes me love him dearly. I do love him and his face nobody more with whom I have been so little acquainted.

your brother Jesse, he sends Charles Walker Free Soil
Platform but it has nothing of Congress affairs
or Speaker, chiefly slang or what is suitable for
many of his readers I suppose - I read the Bangor
carrier now and then. But his eyesight begins to fail
a little I think tho' he is hardly willing to know and allance
won't leave it so. he has ^{not much} time to read but the evening
and no time at all free from interruption from talk and
taking the baby - she has so little of the intellect and
and so much care and anxiety about getting the
work along that it is a continual putting down
to him - It is grievous to see a mind like his so en-
tirely fetter'd and smother'd by adverse circumstances.

In regard to statistics I feel sure that if he had just
the right information he would stand just in
the right place - His prejudices in favor of Whig party
are lack of information.

Mr. Kilbridge perhaps I told you has bought this
Town i.e. all the unsettled land & I suspect he got it
very cheap - for a song - I guess he'll do pretty well for
himself is it it mean that he has never help'd
Albina a single dollar since she was 15 years old ever
yet she has but quite lately got 10,00 of her school money
that she lent him 3 or 4 years ago and that without
interest - tis no matter however only on account of her
feelings & I don't know as she feels very much about it.

September what a rainy month! Charles had a ~~few~~
fine crop of Cats but in consequence of his lame ness
and such very often rains he does not have perhaps more
than half of them I guess more than a dozen times with the

Different fields he would get his oats almost dry enough
to go into the barn & there'd come a soaking rain

He has got his crops all in now his horse is some
better of the lameness but not so as to use her

You know Mr. John Gilman of this town you know too
perhaps that his wife is sick & has been 3-4 or 5 years Rheumatism
stiffness in her joints & has suffered exceedingly it has all along
hurt her dreadfully to be mov'd (is said to be a devoted Christian
and exceedingly Patient) - a year ago or so she got so that she
could not lay more than $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour or an hour without being moved
but it hurt her so to be mov'd that she could not keep from
screaming - She has been growing worse and worse till she
thought she could not be mov'd at all - And ever since about the middle
July she has not been mov'd at all - lays in exactly on the same posi-
tion and has liv'd till now!! & Mr. L. told Charles a few days ago that
she appear'd to be "stronger at the vital than she did a month ago"

Is horrid and almost miraculous - Worms are literally de-
vouring her & her bed rattling under her tho' they do every
thing they can without moving her by washing in spirits
& every thing they can do - She has her senses perfectly and
is so certain that it would kill her to be mov'd they have let her
be thinking probably every day that it would be the last it is
a monstrous - strange affair and has occasioned some ex-
citement - many like me - tho' I have not seen her have thought
that there might and must be something done 2 of her sisters
are with her now know them - Trigerson of Brownville it
seems as if she ought to ^{be} mov'd and bed changed even at
the risk of life - It seems incredible don't it - I think you
made a very story of it from your affectionate Mother. C. M. Ethel

Oct 25 received at
Standard

J. J. Miner
Chas. M. Mearns

Mile

Oct. 14th 1848

Young
Oct. 28th

Letter to R. L. Mearns

Chas. J. Mearns

Northfield

Mass

Oct 14th 1848

Chas. Mearns

100 pages (100 pages)

Nov 25th 1848
Mr. J. B. Smith
Nov 25th 1848

I am very much obliged to you for the letter of 13-14 Nov.
it affords me some satisfaction & I am
sensible of the kindness & sympathy which you have
tried to give me, your new to me and great sorrow for my
new situation. I have particularly enjoyed
your friendly remarks & your advice. I am
not able to write much at present, but I am
sensible of your kindness & I am sure for your letter, in
either case it might be me that you know.

I am now even able to see how greatly I have blessed
in my children in very many respects. I have very
seldom seen praying for myself, but I have asked for
them, & not blessings yet none of them can be
institute of those and a great reason I have to bless
God that they are in so good a degree rich towards Him
may the Holy Spirit make them all abundantly more so.

I had along after, I believe from the comfort of a great
many little vexations & unhappinesses (poor & perverse as I)

I felt that & because Lucy was not here with me, I was
off-which was really trying. I felt that I was in a
snaky state of mind (I am so negligent & children so noisy
and Albina seem'd coarse & disagreeable in voice & manner
but I have got the better of it by all, pass away I am quite
comfortable & happy. (I & the children are now all fix'd
up nicely for winter. She has a great many letters from her
neighbors her tongue is a fine instrument in her power
She has quite tho' not very great ones after all, as she really

Does for myself & my children in your name & that does he call his name

really is a very superior man. He is a much better
man than he was 4 or 5 years ago. He is becoming better
about matters, and his good qualities appreciated. — Albon too has
improved very much I think in the last year. He & Co are uni-
formly kind and respectful to me.

Now you are at Grants. I am sorry there is no ~~place~~
where you can go to work and make one — appoint a meet-
ing, read a sermon, pray and thank your Maker, for
the great work of so doing — every man who is
really on the side of religion you would find help
more perhaps than you expect. With all your
lack of knowledge you could at least find something to say
or read which would interest even roadways — perhaps,
the very reason that you are sent there is that you may
be the instrumental in saving some one or more pre-
cious souls. I don't know but your mind is so tax'd that
the week that it would be too much, but it would be a
change which is next to and some times better than rest.
Saturday night he ~~2nd~~ 1st of the week as they usually are a nation
or so before me (by the way it is the 1st of the week, I am sure it is)

You say direct to Grants — What town is Grants in or isn't it in
any — I & L. but now I married I saw it married but not
let you get a ~~copy~~ ^{letter} from Grants — ~~Charles~~ ^{Charles} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~alive~~ ^{alive}
would it countervail the disadvantages and loss to him
going without a wife so long & I at think of that night!
I don't know how to keep you sufficiently informed of the news about
the state, you don't care much if you don't
I am sure Mr. L. has bought the Lee's farm in the Somerset
Co. I suppose Mr. L. is going to move off to New Jersey
next spring or the better I bought the Crooked lot which

Charles had given up we expect Mr. Parker to move into the house
with Almida this winter and onto his lot on the Spring

Mr. Wyman is going to Mass. to live with his father Mr.
Daniel Hamilton has bought Saml W. Furber's farm
I believe I told you before that Mr. Billings has bought this
farm — Charles & sister & others have been today to look for the
best place to build a bridge across Pleasant River Mr. E. A.
Everett has built him a very handsome house near Mr. Wy-
man on the Pleasant river road has married Angella
Jennett his father & mother live with them Angella
has seemed to be very much engaged in the subject of
religion all summer I guess she makes our meetings her own

Lucy has not been home yet since she was married I am
I don't know but I feel by impulse I sometimes about it as if
as if I had hardly seen her at all — when I got to her house in
Boston I was very much surprised & delightful was the all the
time — How do you like Mr. F. I think he is a strong smart
good natured rather intelligent man — I bet between you and
each of my children that have got married have exceeded
some would not think it — he has in the best case perhaps I
shall not by & by — but I do now think that — I am his superior
in some respects & is it she as a whole

Mrs. Gorman is very glad to see the new she has been married
many people have been there determined that it could & should
be done and went away satisfied that it was not lost so
to say — I am happy to hear that from the children
at Bangor & what never with Lucy my beloved Joseph as you
know where he has business & so the expectation there home at
Thanksgiving the house seems very

Mother
Nov. 28th
Md. 1848 Dec. 5th

Miss Meech 6

Mr. J. J. Meech

Engineer, Virginia, Mr. R. R. R.

Grants corner

May

Dec. 9th 1848
Grants

Long 10th Street
from the corner
to 1848

Jan 20 1847

I have been thinking of writing you for some time but have been so busy that I could not find time. I have been so busy that I could not find time. I have been so busy that I could not find time.

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Charles is a good natured fellow but is a real dandy energetic person of which I am much in love. The Eagle they suppose is true it occurred near the same place probably near the same Eagle you & your brother saw it in you are after him then I recollect you said the next morning they were at least that.

There has been a good many changes and quite an increase in the number of inhabitants in this town. Mr. Wymann has moved to Whaley has been in an occupied C. A. Enebell has built him a house near by Wymann's his Father & Mother live with him. Lucy did not so much as call on Mrs. Angella Everett in all the 4 months she was here last winter. I don't like her but I thought she might just call.

I guess they have each thought that the other shaghtled them — I am
not much acquainted but Angella seems to be a serious sensible
good sort of woman at any rate Everett has very much improv'd
in his appearance since his marriage.

You have probably heard with respect to the gentleman's
appointment — which I perceive by your last letter you have
been preparing yourself for, by so far from expecting him
to visit you — He did before he went to Harpenden ~~near~~ to London
and back again after resting a while — and now to the point of
waiting upon him but he is not able to do either
now but his appetite is better than it was & I think he is gain-
ing strength a little — I think he is so to much (I mean
now said it is for him to be idle) I have been making him
of roots to mean to get him to ride a little — as far as he is able
to — we have not much fear of frost but I don't know what
the doctor can make for him (I don't know) & I have money

I rejoice that you have such an agreeable companion as
your Assistant — I don't know the result of your acquain-
tance with the "Old Maid" Do you write to Mary Tower now a
days? Is Engineering good for you if you can never be able
to visit your friends or get married —

The weather has been so exceedingly dry this long time that
one field of Oke ^{corn} has failed of getting out of the grain
at all which is quite a disapp — it being highly
manur'd in the hill he says is the cause this last sentence
if well put together perhaps you can guess what it means

Mother
June 26 49
Chico

M. G.
Chico
June 26 49

Mother
Milo Dec. 31, 1849
Jefferson Jan 3, 1850

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Mother
Milo, Nov. 6, 1849

Nov. 28, 1849
(Parker)

I have a long way to go to the school, & at the same time
the new house is not yet finished. I have to move
across the ^{it} ~~the~~ new house, & the new house is not yet
finished, & the new house is not yet finished, & the new house
is not yet finished. I have to move across the new house,
the new house is not yet finished, & the new house is not yet
finished. I have to move across the new house, the new house
is not yet finished, & the new house is not yet finished.

18th. We have a great deal of work to do, & the new house
is not yet finished, & the new house is not yet finished, & the new house
is not yet finished. I have to move across the new house, the new house
is not yet finished, & the new house is not yet finished.

19th. We have a great deal of work to do, & the new house
is not yet finished, & the new house is not yet finished, & the new house
is not yet finished. I have to move across the new house, the new house
is not yet finished, & the new house is not yet finished.

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is not yet finished, & the new house is not yet finished, & the new house
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is not yet finished, & the new house is not yet finished.

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is not yet finished, & the new house is not yet finished, & the new house
is not yet finished. I have to move across the new house, the new house
is not yet finished, & the new house is not yet finished.

21st. We have a great deal of work to do, & the new house
is not yet finished, & the new house is not yet finished, & the new house
is not yet finished. I have to move across the new house, the new house
is not yet finished, & the new house is not yet finished.

22nd. We have a great deal of work to do, & the new house
is not yet finished, & the new house is not yet finished, & the new house
is not yet finished. I have to move across the new house, the new house
is not yet finished, & the new house is not yet finished.

no great misfortune and I think
just right as I am not a very good
reader.

perhaps she does not but I have thought that she is apt to feel that she can't spare time to read

You know it is a very dry & hot summer & the corn or any other crops
any thing else did not come up very well where Turnips did come up too thick & I pulled them up and transplanted them & he had over a 100 bushels of those he transplanted and watered every one 2 or 3 times — Joseph told him he would not get pay for his labor but he thinks he has ^{he made he has a broken} ^{felt so lame he cannot}

Charles works very hard (like the patient ox) ^{do much else} from early morn-
to ^{late} evening gets no time to read hardly now he has no boy nor his own man — is losing his taste for reading I tell him his eyes begin to fail & that hinders him some about reading

I wish I had some good Ink — this is so pale and bad I don't believe you can send help of it & it is no matter if you don't for it is not worth reading

your right my Dear Sir

Nov 19-1849

I intended to send this by to day's Mail but it was not convenient How it does strain and blow that night and today

You did not tell us what you went to Boston for — Are you looking to be gone longer by the presence of the R. R. conference

Letter
Hilo, Nov. 11. 49

T. S. Welch

Nov 24 1849
Gardens

Joseph's Gate 1/2 mile. north of
Port Channing & 1/2 miles of 1841

Mother & Joseph July 25. 1850.
Miss M.

Newbury. N.H. Aug. 1850.

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sample of leather. Miller
Aug 29, 1850

Mr. J. J. Miller

Hammer

H. H. C. L. L.



Mr. C. W. H. H. Aug. 1850

Have you written the letter to Mr. Brown? I have not yet. I will write it soon. I will also write to Mr. Brown about the money. I will also write to Mr. Brown about the money. I will also write to Mr. Brown about the money.

March 1881

It is a very interesting letter. I have not yet read it. I will read it soon. I will also write to Mr. Brown about the money. I will also write to Mr. Brown about the money. I will also write to Mr. Brown about the money.

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Dear letter Mr. M. Monday noon no shadow of a breeze
from the land. Good morning of your family got Richard's package
of books. I have not time to write you all. I will
try to write you all. I will try to write you all.

dragons but perhaps not so many now after all, he
looks slow & heavy but in reality walks fast and accomplishes
a good deal of business in a given time — He practiced pitching
loads of hay. Charles said he appeared to hardly move, but the
load went off very quick, & besides he is stout — how he lugg'd
seven half barrels of Pork in succession across a Carriage when in the
woods with Furber & I don't stop to relate

I very much doubt the correctness of your opinion that the
back bone of a fowl is a choice piece or considered to be so, please
cite your authority & precedents

I yesterday procur'd my first Vol. from Milo Social Library
V. B. Bancrofts U. S. Tome 1st one dollar for share

Aug. 9. you did not tell us in your last how the health of your
young friend Mr. Putnam succeeds, In our recent letter
from Lucy she complained that you did not write to her
I suppose that you already know how that Sam'l is rein-
stated over the Mill — Alfred is without doubt mistaken
in supposing that I grew better while he was here. — If Alfred
& "Yank," should not happen to quarrel they will probably be
come great cronies by & by will they not

Alfred has been quite serious & thoughtful for some time
& you must try to have him under good influence

I am sorry you lost your specimens of orchidaceae
I think probable they were *Platanthera Psycodes*, (*C. fimbri-
ata* of Bigelow) and *P. blephariglossa*. The last kind is
white, otherwise considerably resembling *psycodes*
but from your Meagre descriptions I can of course give

but a vague guess. From what inquiry I have been able
to make I think *D. psycodes* has not been found in this
vicinity, but that ours are all *D. fimbriata*, the *Grandiflora*
of Big, the variations being but the different degrees of
luxuriance in growth &c. The specimens I have examined
this summer vary considerably in appearance but all
insensibly melt into each other. ⁱⁿ All of them many of
the characteristics of both according to Gray, are combined
Gray's descriptions of these species appears to be very imperfect
he has by no means seized upon their distinctive charac-
teristics with his usual accuracy. Begetow's descriptions
are perhaps better. you are probably mistaken in sup-
posing *psycodes* to grow on our riverbanks. the specimens
not yet blossomed which you brought from there, and for that
the day before you went away remained in our pitcher
till in full blossom. I think it the same species with that
in the *Sivale*; the flowers are alike tho' the leaves and gen-
eral appearance are somewhat different. James had a boil
on his knee but is quite well now

While more particularly what & how you are doing
of all the occupations & prosperity of Alfred, Yank, Everett &
all others you may suppose us self to be interested in

Charles has hired a crooked shap call'd Charles Desigoro half a
month for 16th p.m. He probably got a pretty good trade for the
lad is a great deal more than 16 inches high;

Lucy writes that she is well and doesn't is going to send
during of home next week & that that talk of coming up from home

The Mother To her own Dear Son

Aug. 31st

660 as his last letter. — Aug 3rd — Yours of 24th & 31st of August
 & 1st of Aug. you see I've got some better ink now. if it was only

or confidant I.e. he is fastidious & given
 duty carefully to Alfred he will bear being a favorite & even but of course
 very much, not have to do an absolute much

Joseph S. Mather, Milo Maine
Aug. - 10th, 1850

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Wm. S. Mather
Civil Engineer

Mather

W. S.

Sunapee N. H. Aug. 1850

Cedar Grove

Milo

1850

J. M. to J. S.

Aug. 10 We sent a letter to you by this morning's mail which is deemed a sufficient apology for beginning another. ~~I don't~~ I don't get many new plants nowadays but under the shade of the apple tree at the corner of the piazza Mother suddenly found a strange one of most appearance & structure. The flowers were so exceedingly minute that I could barely ^{with my magnifying} discern that they were of singular appearance, ~~without~~ without obtaining any clue whereby to outfind it. So I began at the Beginning of the Book to patiently search'd thro it. I am now prepared to certify that it is *Pilea pumila*, grows in "rich shady places" per Gray. I was ^{of course} not surprised at finding it there when I learn'd the common name, Rich weed. another name is Clear weed in token of the semi-transparent succulent stalk. I occasionally study a while upon the heterogeneous bundle of nameless specimens & fragments which had accumulated. you know you & I looked them over and nam'd what we could, & I had afterward examined those that I could get any clue to, so that remnant are hard cases. Today I have been poring over them with unusual success. have identified two species of *Gentiana*, *G. crinita* & *G. Lindnensis*, both in a bad state of preservation being badly bug-eaten. found a large & elegant specimen, ~~of all preserved~~, of *Andromeda ligustrina*, the same which I supposed the plant you recently sent me mark'd "Prinos?" to be. the leaves of your

specimens are much smaller however. I conclude you selected small leaves as more convenient to send did you not?

Two other specimens which appeared to resemble each other somewhat I ^{had} laid aside and after gazed at, but was unable to surmise what they were. As I journeyed to dinner casting my eye thro' the open window I discerned a twig of Snowberry & it straightway occur'd to me that in general appearance ~~that~~ it resembled my said specimens. I have just now examined it & find the resemblance in the small flowers much closer than I expected. after long search the Snowberry is found to be *Symphoricarpon racemosum*, a native of western Vermont and westward.

You have after remark'd that west of western Vermont a different ^{new} botanical region from this is found. I have recently learn'd the explanatory fact that it is a different geological formation; the green mountains and eastward to the coast and Gulf of St. Lawrence like the rest of the Alleghany ridge being a region of primitive rock.

Aug 12 bounded on the west by secondary (lower Silurian?) Formation. Since writing the above, O. misery, I have after laborious & thorough search been unable to find out said specimens so you see I wish I hadn't said any thing. Possibly ectical & allied to said *Symphoricarpon*. What is, or has recently been of note in Bangor. We found *Sonchus asper*, a rather rare species, Sowthistle. We have not found the common species.

Amaranthus hypochondriacus, the red ~~purplish~~ growing in your early remembrance as at Royalton Garden?

It occurs to me such Books as Bancroft's U.S. are better property & make a better Legacy to ones children than such as Father's

ism, Lavanagh, Friends & Fortune, Whipples Lectures, Hactenus, &c

~~even these~~ Altho' these are by no means the worst Books that ever

Aug 14 Mr Bellingham was here a spell yesterday afternoon. He pretends that he has been smoking money fast, & is going to hire some body to build him a house, stay at it by night, & build him, & then come back here to dwell. I have to write just what he tells me to, you see -- at all.

Mr Kitteredge call'd here on his return from procuring about his Meadows bringing a highly curious & rare insect which he had captured. It belongs to the Linnean order Neuroptera

I have made a beginning upon the difficult genus Solidago; have identified 3 species. I had apprehended much difficulty in determining these plants but have thus far outfound them with an entirely satisfactory certainty. I have also one species of Aster well identified. I like to happen with the names of Gray, who divides the old genus into 2 genera. Lucet & Searies has got more from Flampdie reports the folks at the Landing all the way.

Of course you know that H. Hamlin is re-elected to the U.S. Senate (tho' mother says you get no tidings) elected by Free-soilers in opposition to Whigs & /thunder/ Democrats! Nominee for Whig Governor, Wm. G. Corahy of Belfast, formerly Secy of Board of Education,

I have not got any new plant this long time that pleased me so much as this *Campylobasis aparinoides*. The plant has something of the (Chimney) habit & appearance of a *Galium*, its small white flowers a little larger than those of *Arenaria lateriflora*, for which at first sight it would easily be mistaken, call'd *Stemless bell flower*.

Polygonum sagittatum very properly call'd Saw thumb from its sharp sickle toothed stem angles is a pleasing discovery.

In the course of my meditations it occur'd to me that our *Claytonia* was not the common *C. Virginica* & upon examination I find our specimens

These things on the tongue are very much as if I were to say that I have a great deal to say to you, & that I will say it all at once.

to be *C. caroliniana* (C. spatulata of big)

The insects are eating the plants in my herbaceous
16th Charles finished mowing today. Today and all month from the haying
have been out in the field doing so. I have received from Mr. Sheaf
some seeds of garden, barberry, garnet &c also a valuable plant, native to the region
which is called by him "bitterroot". I have seen it of some like not near to be.
hips. It is called "climbing" "stiff" &c, and much, the only bitterroot, or
Gleditsia scandens.

17 Eliab arrived here last night for Stage and Parker to stay nearly a
week

21st Gnaphalium decursum found near home lot. "discovered" at New Haven by
Doct. Green a few years ago ^{10th} ~~9th~~ plants added to our list since you left

Eliab set sail yesterday in a birch canoe up Sebec Lake in search of a
Northwest passage (to blueberries) Charles finishes haying today

23rd Last we saw of notes to you. He started from M. to Littleton in canoe
junction with the "Spent" all night of a birch canoe in the region for the
purpose. As passing up Sebec river, in canoe at a short rate the lake
at the gun (Charles) was a canoe, the "Wink" at the lake, the less distance.
"up" half mile hips" they needed dragging the canoe, carried by Cushing's
Dunn & reached Sebec with without incident or labor. There they be-
ward a gun & hit the forgotten ax & having carried by a launched
the canoe upon the greatly elongated bottom of Sebec Lake. They camp-
ed at night near the head of the Lake, some 20 miles from home. The
Pike and a or D not bite. Next day resumed their pilgrimage, but by land
and water, considering ground upon the, on an average, quite uneven
surface, of the Lake and various precipitous hills adjacent. They came down
the Lake the favor of a fine breeze the waves running high. They
therefore for cross piece hoisted a coat on a paddle for a sail and speed.
coming home they astonished the natives by running half mile hips
which at this low level of water is a high unusual piece of coast of
a hill, you may be it termed. They were gone two days, and will have
on a very large blueberries as there limited accommodation was admit
with "Huckleberries" intermixed, also elegant specimens of *Gleditsia* *anthus*
exidentalis (Knutson Bush); *Rubus*, *ampullaria*, & all marked varieties one
of them prominently a *Spent*, *Spent*, *Spent*, *Spent*, *Spent*. Eliab returned to
Bangor today. Your last letter of 18th was two days longer on the way than usual
24 You sank cuts 11 cords wood in 3 1/2 days hey? Some of our men work coal ^{wood} chips
are said to cut 4 or 5 cords of second growth, *Spent*, *Spent*, *Spent*.

18
You say you like Alfred better & better does he like the
business? is he glad he went there? Tell him to write home.
The reason for saying that I do not get better is that I grow pre-
ceptibly weaker. Specimens thus & fully recovered, upon which
I as follows report:

Labellia Lantana, Wal. & *Labellia*, glad to see it.

Limnanthes, *lacunosum*, floating I saw 1.

McLampyrus, *pratense*, common, is the one marked
"abundant on wet grass as well as here also is": "dry Cypripedium" for Gray

Hypericum multilum. Alfred found it about here.

Goodyera repens. Rattle snake plantain, closely allied to,
sometimes included in, *Spiranthes alba* Nees.

Geum virginianum! white. As you see it is a plant in its
appearance and "leaves, very variable." This specimen looks quite
different from those you found before you left but both are unquestionably
G. of Gray. Big. makes two species which run into each other by ^{other} varieties.

Ammonia Eupatoria, *alpinum*, is singular and well marked by its
"calyx tube armed with hooked bristles, persistent, and enclosing the
fruit"

Epitibium ciliatum is abundant here flowering since you
left, both this & *E. prostratum*, a specimen of which you brought from
the bog very pretty & probably make the many sorts which you
mention there. Possibly you may find *E. alpinum*, of "high Mts
(Vt. & N. Hampshire)"

I am greatly exercised about the little yellow one from
sandy shores of Spectacle Pond, there being but one flower & I dare not
pull it to pieces I have labored much with it to no purpose. It is becoming

inclined to call it *Gratiola aurea*, golden hedgehog "border of pond,
& sandy wet places" if convenient tell me if it is stems creeping at
the base also the *Utricularia* Class & order

I find here a new *Hypericum* (*H. canadense*) & two *Asters* present
No. of List 378

I'm afraid so much of this Botany is getting to be an old and
dull story but such as I have given there I try to make up in quantity
for the deficiency in quality. Charles has broken up an acre of
green manure which he proposes to sow with Winter Wheat tomorrow
when comes of home lot

Joseph has not taken any thing that can be called medicine
since you went away roots & galls nor nothing Mrs. Weston
brought him some nice Syrup which they made of
Sarsaparilla &c. &c. but I can't get him to take it yet I don't
know but he is going to try & try

Charles is waiting I can't write any more now



Joseph & Mother Milo Maine.
Aug. 10 to 27. 1850

Newbury Ave.
Aug 30 all paid at
Newbury

Paid 10

J. S. Metcalf Esq.

Engineer N. H. Central R. R.

Newbury

New Hampshire

Aug. 31. 1850
Newport Via Newbury. N. H.

Cedar Grove Mills 1850

J.M. to S.S. Aug. 27 Investigated & aided by Eliab, Charles dug
many rocks from the door wood yard several of which were
large and round with difficulty altho their tops are ^{most} ~~not~~
~~is irregularly rounded~~ ^{slightly exserted}. ~~did not remove them~~ ^{removed the holes with the iron}
& cast Charles's treat on up on the interval today

The principle plant this week so far is that abundant greyish
looking Mint which we used to call *Salvia* & which is now just
in bloom. I am somewhat inclined to think it a new species if
so a grand discovery is n't it. It is ~~neither~~ ^{exotic} not described by Gray
or is his *Mentha arvensis* with which it nearly but not fully
agrees & of which he says "sparingly naturalized in Westchester
Penn. & in Central Ohio". Do you know if you have ever seen it at
Foxcroft or anywhere but here?

30 Ssg Lowney cut his throat and died yesterday had a little son born 3 or 4 weeks ago whose youngest brother (half) at ~~and~~ at it L. & Wm. L. average about 30 years old. Charles saved his acre of winter wheat yesterday got it at Wrenville gave 2,2.5 bushel - is breaking up another piece on the interval. today the point between the Swales. A new polygon^{today} 8th of that name P. diametrum (10' in dia)

Sept 7 Lucy was & her young husband here since the second inst
that you came up in the stage John came up after them with Saml.
horse yesterday. She is pretty well and content, for her part the birds are
plenty like other wild fowls we are having some picked, come out
them.

Helianthus decapetatus is the plant in Dr. H. Herbarium (by your
authority I suppose) *asinata falcata* the
the fern which we used to call Pitypod grows in bunches by the road
side is at last found to be *Lichonia punctilobula*!

A new *Solidago* today we have found but 2 species before all of them
exceedingly abundant these four kinds are all well marked & accurately
ascertained. Among asters there is more confusion. Of the nine kinds
which I have already got there is not 11 or 5 that I can get certain
about. Four new plants today by Jas. H. Lucy Hastermutter

Your letter of Sept 1st was received by yesterday's Mail
I don't know whether you have ever seen *Rich. rac.* or not. I presume
it is common about bunkers in some places. One of the *Helle*
family, looks some like the black *Helle* made small, justly
smooth & with yellowish stem.

I have got no larger microscope

Of *Gentians* you had marked in Dr. G. *viridula* & *depression*
instead of the last this specimen (which I presume is yours) is
G. Andrewsii, closed gentian, a species not described by Dr. G.

The children brought in the *Campanula* as I don't know where they
found it. The book says "Large ^{well} high meadows, among high grass,
principally northward"

Polygonum scandens was called *retrofractum* merely because I was
pleased to get hold of it

James H. Lucy, went up on the *Marston* Sat after Hastermutter

but owing to the recent exertions of Sprinklers & Hatcher's
boys obtained nearly none, but brought me a few new plants.
This afternoon they went down the river with Luther Success,
got more than a peck, & two more much prized plants.
Amphicarpaea monoica, (Glycine M. of Big.) specimens
of which you brought from Mt Vernon, & a singular
Solidago, *S. latifolia*, with leaves about as large and about
as broad shaped as those of a purple trillium

Sept 1 - got many plants - but a tall set of golden rod more out from the same
place - *Solidago*, *S. latifolia*, & *S. angustata* - the more bigger than
those I saw; we have not met a introduced of *S. latifolia* but
her *Herbarium* in the bud & in it before

These *Solidago* is a large one, much more than many of
the *Solidago* in this country are - complete in orange color with
their ovoid cones. The bugs are eating the ^{from the} *Solidago* & *S. latifolia*
I saw a *Solidago* *S. latifolia* *S. latifolia* *S. latifolia* *S. latifolia* *S. latifolia* *S. latifolia* *S. latifolia*
very much interested in the *Solidago* *S. latifolia* *S. latifolia* *S. latifolia* *S. latifolia* *S. latifolia* *S. latifolia* *S. latifolia*
of *Solidago* *S. latifolia* *S. latifolia* *S. latifolia* *S. latifolia* *S. latifolia* *S. latifolia* *S. latifolia*
ing.

- 11 The children went rustling again yesterday and got about
half a bushel, also got *S. latifolia* *S. latifolia* *S. latifolia* *S. latifolia* *S. latifolia* *S. latifolia* *S. latifolia* *S. latifolia*
me; *Solidago squarrosa*, large Spiked Golden Rod, flowers most as
large as thistle; in clusters with large flowers of "Mountains and
Northward"; and also *Maigold* with the yellow flowers; also the
fruit *Amphicarpaea monoica* which for Bock is rarely found,
and a curious fruit of *Ostrya virginica* - a small clam
shaped Nut enclosed in an inflated papery-coraceous clam
shaped Sack big enough to hold a score of them.
Here ready to go & small quilt

Dear Son I suppose you want to know more partic-
ularly than I can write you about his health. His Con-
fidence as I can see perhaps his arms are not so strong and I have
sometimes fancied that his voice is weaker than it was before
he had that bad cold about the time you went away otherwise I
don't perceive any thing but what he is as well or better than he
was 3 months ago he gets up about 7 or 8 o'clock lays down once
in the forenoon & once in the afternoon sing & recites &
(hoots) while he is on the lounge has very seldom slept any in
the day time since you went away not at all I guess since I left
went - His appetite is good & his food does not disturb him as
I know of - but you must know that I have ^{to} guess in order to tell you
any thing about him if I ask him how he feels he'll say
how do I know, don't bother me, I guess he sleeps better nights than
Sept 9th he did before you went away - Had he better go to taking Syrup &c
or not (Sarsaparilla, Burdock, yellow root, pipsissewa & Gum guaiac
& alcohol) Lucy came home Monday Sept 10th & Tuesday we all
were glad but Joseph kept her most all the time writing a magis-
terial & fussing about ^{her arm & the pain in the} ~~her arm & the pain in the~~ ^{her arm & the pain in the} ~~her arm & the pain in the~~
fore part of Oct. but I think better go out there to see the coun-
try and come home with her or not she wants to know &
think it would be very much benefit to him

How do you come on with your R. R. shall you begin to "break
ground" this fall. The corn &c. &c. are some injured by frost
because the season being so late in the fall. The corn is
in the shock is rotting in the field. Potatoes getting very bad
is going to dig 'em soon as he can and feed 'em to hogs &c. ^{the ones}

Sept 14. I feel very grateful that I can do some of your writing
for him & did not know what I could do for an American
and I am only a little better than nobody I suppose

We are to have a Mr. Wilson - he has lately been only
Missionary in Bangor to preach here half the time the
ensuing year the other half of the time he is to preach
in Sebec, He is one of the class just graduated at Bangor

Don't you think you get along pretty well with the

Wether & Joseph, White Plains
Aug. 27
Sept. 12. 1833

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J. S. Metcalfe Esq.
Newbury
N. Hampshire

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your word "wild" I should have inclined to think it Buckwheat
but if it is any or other thing which you do not tell me I could not
find out from the specimens it is not to be called.

Elephantia marginata, I suppose the most like plant to be tho' I am
not entirely satisfied about it. I can find nothing else it will do to
call it. You will find perhaps on those Mills aster gramineus
folius, a northern plant found on Mountains in N. H. — 6 to 12 in. high
with linear leaves & small rose purple or white flowers: also perhaps
some Mt. Solidago growing 20 inches high. You do not visit
upland regions I suppose at all.

16 Sept. I have had no more letters except that you had one, since
I wrote to you before. Work around here has not been so bad as
Beans were harvested the corn was ripe & the Tomatoes were covered up.
Charles's grain all ready for sowing commenced carting it away
when they commenced it in June. It is cutting up the corn, the
heat a little rusted but pretty good, is good generally about here.

Of those Guinea Chickens the sole survivor at the date of the latest authentic
the hen came off with one chick when she should have set or set longer.
intelligence ~~was~~ after passing through several dangers & dangers was
attained the age of 4 days and began to live with its Aunt Polly.

Eliab mentioned his plan of going into partnership with Brown &
Son but was advised adversely there to. He will probably stay at Brown
as long as they want him & pay him him his price. Mother remains
anticipating to that highly respectable firm notwithstanding the
poor old Mr. Mott's opinion of its former members. It has been quite healthy
in Brown this summer.

According to my usual practice of being independent even in the line
I have been reading of late "Pamphlet" in the office, which is a
useful history & the local history of the first & second Indian war
lines the first & are in my estimation much inferior to the first

The last volume does not make great pretensions as the author
direct at 21, and the productions of a long long are really great
and good. If it is not already done some competent
person had better at once set about writing a substitute for
the little. It is sometimes true I see a book in which I find
much news & valuable to me as in Bancroft had it you better
send it? Prescotts Mexico & Peru & Bancroft 3 vols are in the
Library and I propose to read them.

We did not contemplate sending this to the printer
but it is found to contain of distinct propositions
which is supposed to be much more than an average num-
ber so we conclude to submit it further with

as a whole to the printer
you are not to say you will
send them to the printer

Letter to Joseph. Mrs. Lane
Sept 15 1830

My Dear Son I want to talk with you about Joseph but
I hardly know what to say he hardly allows me to say any
thing about him i.e. he seems to prefer to have nothing said
to him of or about his health therefore if I send this
it shall be without his knowledge — He wrote to you you know
that he was growing perceptibly weaker he certainly is in
some respects — yet I don't know as I perceive ~~any~~ difference
except in his arms he cannot now move his left hand
scarcely any without the help of the other one — ^{he} Has not
been out to eat with the family for several weeks he can
possibly left his tumbler from the table to his mouth but it
^{appears to be} is very difficult for him eats mostly with a smallish Spoon
that I have bought for the purpose — yet I am not certain
that he ~~has~~ (even his arms) fails any faster than at any
time before but we should perceive it more now he is so
weak you know — It seems as if he would not be able to feed him-
self a great while longer — but on the other hand Charles says
that he can stand stronger or with less help than when he
first began to take care of him but probably if he is really
weaker ^{Charles} would not perceive it so much — he can lift him
easier because he has got us'd to it — ~~that~~ the reason that
Alfred thought he was getting better — he seems just as
he always has contented and happy keeps his mind fully
occupied all the time with reading studying or something
I have been trying to persuade him not to read so much
It seems as if he reads with a more intense thinking and interest
than most people so much so that he can remember and
tell it all over — his mind is such that he cannot feel quite

at ease if he has not something new to read — he is moved just
where & where he wishes to be so far as he makes known his wishes
he does sit up more than he did two months ago is mov'd about as
often in the night as when Alfred was here sometimes 2 some-
times 3 times in the night. Sits up in the evening till 8^{1/2} or 9
o'clock. Since we have had peas beans squash &c he has prefer'd it
and has made his diet almost entirely of vegetables
I am some inclin'd to think that more meat if it was good
fresh such as he likes would be better for him — it would be
convenient if we liv'd near a good Market but he will hardly
ever tell what he prefers — I have to guess at every thing about
him — he sent to Eberle to send him some peaches and
seems to enjoy them very much is very fond of them

I suppose you are anxious to know every thing you
can about him — therefore have I written perhaps you
had better not give him any intimation of it

his appetite is pretty good ^{his complexion} & he looks as well as he did
I think his feet are not so apt to be cold as last year at
this time — I don't know as Joseph would dislike my
writing this if he knew it but I suspect he would
for he did or pretended to because I write to you about
his not liking my down &c after

I don't love to write anything that I don't let him
read have it before am writing with my
papers in my lap when it is time I was abed

~~Don't~~ doubt but whether you can read it all

Chickens are big enough so he eats them now he is very
much taken up with "Prescott's Mexico & Peru"

this is scratched off in such a haste I wish you would
burn it soon as you have read it

Mother & Joseph Milo Me.

Sept 18
Oct. 1. 1830

Bidart Grove Sept. 1850

18th J. M. to J. S. M.

Did you send your money to buy a Masters degree?
I have received a remittance of 35 peaches from Bangor.

Whigs & Free-soilers united ~~in choice~~ in the election of County officers in Piscataquis, & thus elected all their candidates ^{the Democracy getting the senator.} but one, The County Commissioners elect being a democratic Free-soiler, in this representative district they united in the same way upon Wm. Owen of Milo, a Free-soil Democrat.

Congressional district Ditto, electing Isaac Washburn of Orono, a ~~Whig~~ Free-soiler & less Free-soil than Whig I suppose.

19 The Traveller perhaps gives you an account of commencement at Bowdoin. Frederick S. Holmes of Foxcroft "dissertation — Arctic Civilisation" — "excused" Francis Adams & Eugene Thomson of Topsham had parts, were they your scholars? Exercises for degree of A. M. English oration John C. Smith Bangor: ~~Latin~~ ^{Latin} oration Saml J. Pike Dover N.H.

Cbl. & Mrs. Lee have recently returned from a journey of about a fortnight at Buckport

20 John Furber has been attending school at Hampden most all summer, studying Chemistry & Mineralogy in which sciences he is becoming quite virtuous, he has went to the antimony mine in Carmel, & the lead mine is prospect, & moreover in company with Mr. Swallow & 7 by 9 others chartered a schooner of 8 tons & went on an Argonautic expedition in Penobscot bay & its Islands & to the all Haut where they are said to have discovered a
Bradford via Kennebunk, N.H. Oct. 10. 1830

Silver mine. he has collected numerous specimens, hence the enquiry naturally arises what became of those specimens which you had here last Spring of which you gave me part; I neglected to put them away at the time & don't know where to look for them. I should like to allow John to adorn his cabinet with a few of them.

Sept. 21 Yours of 15th instant received last night & I proceed to answer your questions

I presume that *Chrysopsis falcata* or Golden Aster, (Smala F. of Big.) is not found in this region, it belongs on pine plains & sandy barrens, R. I. & Southwards. It belongs to Sub tribe Asterineae, instead of Inuleae, and is in a different Tribe from *Helianthus* — grows only 8 or 10 inches high

"Our polypod" is not Polypod — much. Order Filices has ^{with us} Sub order Polypodiaceae, of 16 genera; Osmundaceae, of 3 genera; & Ophioglossaceae, of 2 genera. The 1st Suborder has sections Polypodiaceae, Pteridiaceae, Aspidiaceae, Dicksoniaceae, &c. The last embraces our blessed *Dicksonia punctilobula* which is thus as you perceive but second cousin to a *Polypodium*

Solidago odora I have not seen, but presume it may be found across the river as it loves sandy soil. *Solidagos* are yellow, except one species which is yellow with small cream color or white rays. This species may be expected on your dry hills. So many *S. nemoralis*, Gray Golden Rod, with stems & leaves grayish or hoary. "Dry sterile fields plant 8-20 in high" I have not yet seen either of these. I have six *Solidagos*, all authentic, & ten *Asters* of which however I can certify to but six. The ^{fruit of} *Ostrya* is as you say — in a trap-like *Strobile*, sack ^{that is} like a *Clas* — stem at the end which does not vary more perhaps

from your diagram than that or my description does from the archetype

24. It looks likely to rain Charles has got lots of kowen out more. I suspect than he has had any previous year since he has been a freeholder. Do you know Mr. Wilson if so what of him do you know,

I am reading "Prescotts Conquest of Mexico" have you read it? It arouses my indignation against you and your practices that you should expend your time and money upon such Books as you for an average do. I have no new plants since writing before. The great Tescusan Monarch, Nezahualcoyotl, — The Solomon of the Aztehuacs is recommended to your particular consideration. I had no idea that so much information was extant in relation to the History for a thousand years past or more of the primitive races of Mexico &c their Religion Laws & general patriky — Mr Kicker has haul'd his nine loads of Oats down & put them in Charles's barn ^{floor} expects a threshing Machine tomorrow, then he'll have the straw to haul back again

28 yours of 21st rec'd yesterday I should think that your picturesque regions were rather unsuitable for the loading. The plants you sent were Corydalis glauca, out of season & perhaps dwarf or depauperate as its season is "May - July" Eleah brought flowers & ripe fruit from rocky summits north of Sebee lake. ~~we~~ ^{we} sowed the seeds & have several young plants if they will remain in blossom so long - it will be a fine garden plant

The original and very stunted, Polypodium Vulgare! "6-10 in. high rocks, common!" Geranium Robertianum, herb Robert. "Moist wood and shady ravines. June - Oct. plant strongly odorous" the last two plants I am very glad to see. I should like a specimen of Mrs Coors if convenient also of Boadicea equestris (perhaps her name is not serena tho')

Dr Tappan & Mr. Wooster Parker call'd here today. Dr T. making an official visit to these parts of the State. Old Mr. Lindsey Alfred's grandfather call'd here today he said that Mrs. Helman had gone to Bangor today to see one of her girls that is sick there.

as it has ever been the fools privilege, since the days of old King Lear to give advice I will let on a supplement about your R. H. Quersell—Say nothing—but hearken keeping yourself in form'd of all developments of intrigue Romans 12-3, 1 Corinthians 10-12, & especially boast not

most men mixt up with so much business as you are can make several hundred dollars a year by holding their tongue

30th I devoted a half a day to perfecting a method mathematic Magic whereby if you think of a number and tell me the several remainders from dividing it by ~~20 & 13~~ 20 & 13 and by 9 I can presently by making from none to nine figures tell you what number you thought of— for instance if the number be 1840—the remainders will be 0, 7, 4, respectively if you think ^{fit} just write some number in the corner of your memorandum book & send me the remainders in your next I will predict in return what number you wrote the number must be less than 2340 however.

Sam'l has received the money you sent

Joseph is looking done. Joseph's money & money. Joseph

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119
39
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~~423~~
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conspicuous
to remain
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3.1.2
2.1.5
1.1.8
19.12.6
1.1.2
1.1.1

when it was written; e.g. this said the. It is regrettable as similar in their general structure and mode of growth, and that of exogenous plants is given ^{to exhibit it;} thus not only ignoring, but expressly denying the existence of endogens or root atrogens, which are probably very much more numerous. There is also running through it a tinge of of romance or something, in which ^{certainty} ~~at all events~~ is not philosophy. The chapter on "the progressive scale of beings in the universe" exemplifies this, and may perhaps be characterised as a somewhat morbid pervading phrase of the fine expressers of the same idea in Pope's Essay on man, enlarging ^{somewhat} ~~considerably~~ on the culminating thought.

"From nature's chain whatever link you strike,
Tenth, or ten thousandth, breaks the chain alike.
Planets & suns run lawless through the sky,
Being or being wrecked, and world on world,
Heaven's whole foundations to their center slide,
And nature trembles to the throne of God"
Excellent ideas as poetry, and finely expressed in the Poem, but ~~is~~ sufficiently destitute of merit as Philosophy. The khapsody on, "the of a rose in aromatic pairs" may be placed in the same category. These ideas are doubtless of high rank where they originate, in the conceptions of the poet; but when they migrate to ^{the} domain of philosophy ~~the appearance~~ ^{their patents} of nobility are no longer recognized as valid. The universe has survived

the extinction of the Mammeths and I am now to believe
that it is ^{late} invaluable in the present misfortunes of the
potato

Oct. 19. Yours of 13 received yesterday. The Inula that you enquire
about is *Inula heleniensis*, *vis. E. elecampure*. I think you may
rely upon my statements in regard to *Polypod. P. vulgaris*
you sent me; our *Polypod* (so called) being *Dicksonia puncti-*
lobula pr. both Gray & Bigelow, altho various Synonymes are
given, by both, as *Nephrodium*, *Sitotolobium* &c. The plant in
your last letter is *Linaria vulgaris*, Toad-flax, ramsted,
"fields & roadsides, a showy but pernicious weed" Family *Scroph-*
ulariaceae. Some weeks ago I received an elegant specimen
from Mr. Dolins, where it was cultivated with great care in
a flower pot, under the name of *Butter & Eggs*, making a
more showy appearance, than, from your specimen, it does
in its wild state.

Your Monograph of the Family *Wilsonaeae*, altho confessedly
incomplete, is thankfully received, you had, if I mistake not,
been notified that Mr. Wilson was to be parson here in place
of Mr. Temple, & had expressed your satisfaction with that arrang-
ment; it was therefore thought unnecessary to accurately designate
the individual. It may now be stated, however, that the subject
of the enquiry was said parson, preacher, or stated supply,
Wilson. the given name is not at this time known to me

Having been sick since graduation he did not arrive here till
this week. The numbers that you desire are on the margin
of the third page of this epistle. It took me about ten minutes
to find them, by unmixed meditation, making no figures
except to write down the numbers as they were found.

your ancient Comrad Martha J. Tash is Teacher of Music
at an Academy in Lee, Springfield, or that region,
Dr. Isaac Case of Levant is journeying in the Western States
and writes very good letters thereupon to the "Bangor Courier".
We had a letter from Ann this week saying that she would
start from Racine Oct. 7th, crossing Michigan by R. R., reach-
ing by Steamboat Erie, Pa., and journeying thence to Westfield
N. Y., where ^{she would spend} the Sabbath with a friend. With company from that
place she would proceed on her journey to Boston.

Mother ^(apocryphal) has been worrying? about you & Annetonette, inferring
from your long silence in regard to her that you have been
jointly & severally felled.

Oct. 21. In the New England Travels of one Dwight it is stated, ~~as~~
that, & ~~as~~ New England exceeds other regions in the beauty of its
autumnal Forests, so New Hampshire (particularly thirty miles
about Lancaster) exceeds in that respect other portions of N. E.
Do you notice such superiority in your region? Poplar leaves fall
early, and where they remain, take nearly the same yellow
shade with those of the Larch, & white Birch, so that the view from
these windows partakes but slightly of the magnificence usu-
ally predicated of our Oct. Forests.

The best specimen I have seen of "oft the ^{ear the} open vowels line"
is this line in a poem I recently read—

"ye who oer holy Davids sacred wires"

I have received the first Volume of the first of the Waverley
Novels, & propose to commence reading it soon. we have not
heard that Ann has arrived at Hampden

Johns 4 months of labor ended Saturday

Cedar Grove Oct. 1. 1850

p. 11. to S. L. A natural easy & flowing style constitutes
the a principle Beauty of Epistolary correspondence.

The oats of Mr. Kinsley as you have been informed, were threshed
in Charles' Barn floor. The Machine of one boy was here nearly one
and a half days & threshed them to the amount of 102 bushels, it
also threshed 10 bushels of C's Oats & ^{his} 16 of wheat. Mr. K deposited his Oats
in the north room of the old house. He is today threshing, as he has
in the above floor. Charles sold one red Cow to Mr. Fessell for 15 \$,
also the white Cow for 13½. I marked the calf for 10, in all cases cash
deals & no grumbling—Almeda has lost her nice yearling Heifer
supposes it has gone off with some boys, drove to Brighton. Mr. Henry
Sargent has swapped Farms & is going to move over to Cornsfield
into the Farm at the corner South of Abner Haines ~~where~~ Elder Lord
& Wm. Ferriss lived. His name is Caton who is to come to Uncle Henry's
place. The season of Botany is over, past in view thereof I now
employ myself in the Education of youth.

A free Banking Law, on the N. Y. System, as it is called, has been
refer'd by the Last to the next Legislature, to be in the mean time
submitted to the Bank Commissioners, & published in the newspapers
that suggestions to alter, and improve might flow in from all quarters.

The Laws in relation to Common Schools, have been superseded by
a new Act which reconstructs the whole system, & containing
entirely new provisions.

Oct. 12 Yours of 6 received yesterday. Mr. Sargent intends to move
as soon as the ground thaws up. Joseph L. Sargent has got a
~~fine~~ boy. Your former scholar, Walter Shurtivant is married to

Joannette Haskell. Mr. Haskell has bought him a place in Dover
and moved there. Mr. Lee intended to move to Brownville
next week. Mr. Haskell is dangerously sick, is thought to be
in consumption. Charles's yearling Colt has been severely
hooked by a cow, probably the same beast that hooked the little
one before Alfred went away - done in both cases when they
were running at large in the Champaign Country.

I have never seen a specimen of *Solanum dulcamara*.
I suspect that your *Solanum*, of Suriapsee Sedges, is *dulcamara*,
distinguished in appearance by situation. Of the three species
in gray *S. Carolinense* is low; stem erect, prickly, (1 ft. high);
berries in loose racemes, globular, orange yellow; it is probably
not found so far north as N. H.: — *S. Hibernicum*, low, berries
globular, black: — *S. Dulcamara*, stem climbing; oval,
scarlet berries, in small cymes; which perhaps answers
to your "bright red oblong" description.

I have heard nothing about Eliah being Grand Scribe of
S. of J. I don't know what he'll do this winter but think it like-
ly he will stay at Brown. — How what medicament. I have
I lubricate my Styles to give it that due degree of flexi-
bility & undulating but certainly of movement which it
is so far from affording?

17th Smellies Philosophy, as far as that is concerned is doubtless an
entertaining & instructive Book, but as compared with its
own high pretensions it is deficient. In the rapid ad-
vance of science it has been left too far in the rear. E. G.
the Chapter on disease & death was evidently written before
the discoveries of Liebig were made public. Some of its
other errors cannot be excused by the state of natural science

Buckton N.H. Oct. 23 1855

J. S. & M. Scully & A. M.

Broadford
New Hampshire

Mother & Joseph
N.H. Oct. 22 1855

J. M. to J. S.

No 2

Nov 1. 1880

1 "The day is done, and the darkness
Falls from the wings of Night,
As a feather is wafted downward
From an Eagle in his flight.

2 And the night shall be filled with music,
And the cares that infest the day
Shall fold up their tents, like the Arabs,
And as silently steal away."

Are these stanzas of poetical merit, or either
of them, and which?

Having one or two items of sufficient importance to
warrant sending a letter we propose to mix with them a
lot of rubbish and thus compile an epistle

The Meetinghouse at Foxcroft was burnt a week ago last Sun-
day night. It is said the supposed incendiary has been arrested

It is also related, but on rather incredible authority that in
the recent freshet, the Foxcroft bridge was so destroyed as to
be passible for foot persons only. The water here was about
as high as at the highest time last spring. Pleasant river rose
more, driving Phin Tolman's folks up stairs, and 4 ft of water
in his barn. It is said by the Laird of Bradwardine and Tully-
veolan that a talbot (the crest of the Micalp arms) is "a most
ancient and distinguished bearing" and that "such a dog is
the crest of the illustrious and renowned Earls of Shrewsbury."

Mother is down to Hamden Lucy being sick she had a lung
fever and by our letter dated last Sunday was said to be getting

better You have perhaps received letters from there.

In reply to your letter, which was duly received, would say that I instruct my pupils in Mathematics and Prose only. As to Lissie I asked her and she says she knows a good deal James is average as far as I know. I am not an opponent of the Free Banking system, nor am I able to see the great superiority over the New England system, which is attributed to it by some. I doubt whether it is enough better to make it advisable to change. It would seem to be a powerful political machine. The office of Comptroller which is given to the State Treasurer would be in some respects a more important one than any now in the State and would furnish great opportunities for favoritism and intrigue both political and financial. It ~~has~~ great power to make money plenty and develop the resources of the people I cannot perceive. The old law enabled a bank of \$100,000. to receive interest on \$166.667 and the new law gives just that and no more. If you come home I shall like to discuss the matter with you —

Mrs Ganette Sturdivant is probably young, and also spry, as she is said to have furnished ^{her man with} an heir with quite an unusual degree of celerity. Mr Lee lives at Brownville with his daughter Ellen. Mr Sargent means to move next week.

I suspect the process of said Magic is too long to recite to you at this time, the verbal explanation of it is long, the mental process itself being short. Your remainders apply equally to 1 and 2341. I should have stated that ~~the~~ a larger number may be found with equal accuracy by my method, it being known that the required number is between two given numbers whose difference is not greater than 2340; thus a number between the given numbers 1112 and 3452 would be found just as well

as one less than 2341, i.e. between 1 and 2340

I should like to know if you are not coming home, the merits and status of the case at issue between your railroad, also an explanation of your saying ~~in private~~ "it is decided nominally against the C. H. C."

In a letter from Samuel dated last Tuesday the following remarkable passage occurs "We were presented yesterday morning with a daughter whose life (like that of all) hangs by the merest thread but we feel to day that we have reason to hope that that thread may grow to its usual strength Lucy is as well to day as we could expect"

I believe that an editorial in the Courier spoke of the "letter from Dr Case," in another part of the paper but if it didn't, and I am not quite sure, I'll give it up

It seems to me from the stated amount of his acquisitions you must have paid Alfred more than 1.25 per diem

The east room does tolerably about smoking
6. P.M. A letter from Hampden is just received dated yesterday Lucy is very much more comfortable the little one is dead - Ann arrived at Hampden Wednesday noon Mother or Ann will come up tomorrow and perhaps Almida return with John Monday

It is dark and I have written crooked

Joseph Milo Maine

Nov. 1. 1830

Mr. James S. Mcbride

Old Mill Village N.H.

New Hampshire

Manchester N.H. Nov. 5 1830

Bedar Grove May 7th 1850

Dear Mr. William Macister: The latest instance of its raining & building here is to have occurred in this vicinity was the inundation of the recent frost with the subnormal defoliation of the forest, which caused a large deposition of leaves upon the river bank. Copies of these have been sent to the ^{of the} library. My stock on hand is rather extensive. Revolutions, Vidas of Washington, Les aventures de Tarnaguy, La Merinde, ^{Kaiser's} Campbell's Poems, Scott's Poems, Macaulay History of England, & Vol's Cooper's Novels & 12 other volumes in Milo's Social Library so you see that I am sufficiently endowed for the present. I hold it to be had better delay or countermand your order for ten papers monthly for the present, perhaps you will come here.

It is proposed to hold a Woman's Convention next January. The plan is for the ~~Daughters~~ Ship Daughters & Daughters in Law of A. M. Metcalf to assemble from all parts of the world at this place & continue in session throughout the month. The attendance of Daughters ~~de jure~~ ^{de jure} as well as de facto is desirable; you are therefore requested to notify &c. Miss Antoinette Dunbar and ^{all} other Messrs ~~that~~ ^{that} be found in your precincts that are qualified as above.

Now. By the letter from you which we got last night it seems we have written 2 or 3 letters which you had not got. You ought not to work in Office so many hours a day, one cannot do it without injury as I have enjoyed

opportunities of learning. Besides it is entirely contrary
to custom, for any one drawing tolerably good may do it
with you. Say your time you ought not to waste more
more than 6 hours for them at 300, ~~B. Clerk~~ commonly
writes 12 hours or so. & a youngster ~~after~~ working for his board
often as many as you say you do.

11 Nov. The glory of finishing your job quick, is doubtless
quite an inducement to ruin your health and
break your neck in managing ~~it~~ ^{it} at
still a deeper degree of economy in husbanding
the job than also its advantages.

I know nothing of either of the Books you mention.
Harper's new Monthly, is I don't met of Merit, and value.
it is a good thing to have a well filled Game bag, even if one
only "shoots folly as it flies" that I presume does rather
more. I conclude from what few notices of them I have
seen that the new Monthly is rather better than the Inter-
national I have not yet seen either.

15th Ann has come home brought 3 Nos of Harper's new
Monthly left the others at the Landings. But Mr
Wilson has a call it is going to the printer, being a month

If you come home & by way of Boston would it be worth
while to ask some of the Big Bugs of Doctors there or at
the Mass General Hospital what shall I do. None for or
concerning me. You can state the case ~~that~~ I remain
in all respects as when you were here i.e. Monthly grow-
ing worse. Our Thanksgiving is 19 Dec. Joseph is de-
taken up with reading French (Tetemeche) to Ann that
he must tell me any thing more to write.

Joseph is as he says moreover his foot are con- siderably swell'd every night I cant think what is the cause - Is there nothing we can do for him.

Lucy is we think safely & surely but slowly recover- ing - Sam'l (if the gods will & moreover) is going in to the Woods. Increasing & a long and. He is calcu- lating to come and spend the winter or some of it at least with us - How happy we will all be or by & Altho' tho' she will enjoy it very much & it will do good like a medicine to her & Charles in particular yet as being journeyer, Caterer, Commissary General, or whatever you please I call it, & laboring under many disadvantages there in it may be rather hard for her not alto- gether on account of the labor for we can lighten that by assisting.

Lucy married her little one Anne Mayo was n't I honor'd & gratified. I have a thousand things to say to you but James is washing & I'm a great ~~bother~~ & you'll come home pretty soon and we'll talk a great deal & be glad

Joseph & Mother
Nov. 16. 1850

Nido Maine

for 25
10
J. S. & Mother & Son

~~Manchester~~

Bangor

Maine to New York

Bangor, Via Manchester Dec. 10, 1850

Cedar Grove 4 Nov 1840

J. C. H. to the Engineer. I have meant to, & forgot in even
time as I have to tell you of the progress of the N. E.
Survey from Bangor to within 100 miles of Bangor.

Hoping that you might get a chance to see when you next
visit at your friend's ship. As we shall never succeed
in doing it unless we visit on, improve and as it may be
of service to you therefore this the Traveller does not
interfere in the matter as I have seen. Your venerable
friend has charge of the survey Morton I mean

I have lost while Mother was gone to Hampden all the
ships of newspapers with which I forgot to inform you
about it and can now but just give you the hint

I returned from Hampden Saturday 2nd Lucy was very
weak and feeble but getting better we think. Alfred
is going down today. He has a good kangaroo Nurse & Annie
there also. She has every done for by Dr. M. Crues and
all the rest. I am more afraid he. Dr. will do too much
but we must trust that all things will be ordered
for the best. We do hope that if Lucy gets well
enough and soon't she'll go in the winter she will
come here in May. But I must stop this winter

but we hope to see her of that yet

In haste as John is sailing John Fiske &
I mean who came up with me and is now going down
with Alfred and me, but this is all I can say by
sending it along by him.

Joseph Milo Maine

Nov. 4 1850

Mr. J. S. Medford

Old Mill Village

New Hampshire

Manchester. N.H. Nov. 8 1850.

The Democrat gives the following information regarding the survey :

The survey leaves the Penobscot river at Milford village. In the first six miles surveyed, there is no elevation exceeding ten feet; the greatest elevation being that in immediate rear of the village — The whole route through to Calais has been subjected to a preliminary reconnoissance, and exhibits the same remarkable level in nearly its whole extent. The route strikes just south of the large lake, called Nickatous Lake, in Township Forty. That lake, as we are informed, is erroneously delineated on Greenleaf's map. In fact, it extends nearly to the south line of Township Forty.

Another line is talked of here, and naturally meets with favor, because it goes further up the river. We mean the line to Passadumkeag village, thence up the valley of the Passadumkeag river, and crossing north of Nickatous Lake. The two lines would meet a short distance beyond that lake, and follow a common line south of the Schoodic Lakes. The fact is, it is just about as far upon any feasible line from Passadumkeag village to Calais; as it is from Milford to Calais.

The village at Calais is situated at the northern extremity of the town, at the point indicated by a bridge as marked on Greenleaf's map. The route from Milford would strike at Baring, six miles this side, to which point a railroad is now built and being built.

The distance from Milford to Calais is less than seventy miles, and the cost of the road need not exceed ten thousand dollars per mile, exclusive of locomotives and cars. At the rate at which the grading of the Androscoggin road from Leeds to Livermore Falls, was contracted for by Myers & Co., it would not cost so much.

It is said that the existing road from Oldtown to Bangor, may be carried through this city, partly by tunnelling, so as to come out at "Paddy Hollow," and strike tide water below the Bangor House, at an expense of not more than fifty thousand dollars. If so, twelve hundred thousand dollars would buy, build and equip the whole line from tide water here to Calais.

As to the up river route, it will take care of itself, as soon as we have a road, (whether the existing one, or the projected one by Stillwater,) which shall have bridged the river at Milford and reached the wharves at Bangor.

sions and personal and sectarian antipathies. The curse of the past is doomed to hang over the land, and a system of education amicably adapted to the requirement of the country is rudely pushed aside by the predjudices of the Irish Bishops.

At several public meetings in different places it has been proposed to bestow a suitable testimonial of public approbation upon the brewers and draymen of Barclay & Perkins' establishment, for their treatment of Gen. Haynau. As an offset to this, preparations are making at Vienne to greet the Gen. on his return in what is styled a demonstration of loyalty. The garrison is to serenade him by torch light and the Emperor is to raise him to the rank of Marshal of the Empire. It is also stated, on the authority of an Austrian journal, that the Austrian Minister at London has been instructed to demand the punishment of the men who assaulted the Butcher in London.

A frightful railway accident occurred on the Eastern line on the 18th Sept. Nine lives were lost.

The Gorham dispute has not ceased to agitate the public mind.

A destructive fire occurred at London on Thursday in the vicinity of the Corn Exchange. That building was materially injured and a large amount of property destroyed.

The Atlantic had booked 150 passengers, and was to have sailed on the 25th.

The weather has been uninterruptedly fine throughout all parts of the kingdom for gathering the latest harvest.

Maken & Sons, in their circular of Friday, report a steady business during the week in flour and wheat on the spot and to arrive, and that in each at full prices, the market closing with an upward tendency.

GREAT ROBBERY AT WATERVILLE!

We learn from our Telegraphic correspondent at Augusta that J. M. Crocker's jewelry store in Waterville was on Thursday night entered by Burglars, the safe broken open and

Cedar Grove Dec. 7 1850

J. M. to J. S. We have discover'd here a considerable quantity of drawing paper which perhaps you would ed to take also a few of recherche tho' rent pectal instruments. Science has achieved another triumph in ascertaining the plant you handed me the other day to be *Polypoda paucifolia* having thus almost least possible affinity to the respected family *Orchidaceae* we found after you went a paper of Genseng seeds. Mr. Partridge has come

Dec. 15. From the results of the census thus far if the ratio of increase during the elapsed portion of the present month may be taken as a basis of calculation, it appears probable that before the birth of your addest child the population of Cedar Grove will be not less than three thousand forty eight persons

19. Received yours of 15 the previous one has not come to hand, the Move pipes &c. are also not arrived, I am anxious to know the precise where the R. R. enters Bangor, & where the depot is to be Did John's troops mutiny or was he superseded in command, How do the lame ones at Walter Browns come off. you do not very clearly instruct us where to direct a letter to you

Thanksgiving
Evening Bundles just arrived containing Move pipes
Bed ticking, Matiere, Antheimie, Bask, no Bed rope

What shall I do with Moliere. ^{forfeiture} Mother objects to my
reading it on account of its Copperfiedness

Why need they strain themselves about their Liberties
cant they renew their Charter if they wish

you fell in with Mr. Hawkins on travelling? did you
also I doubt not with Mr. Temple who writes that he
judges from your appearance that you will ^(eventually) make a
useful man

21 We have applied the new Stone pipe today it is
found to contain an error in not being sufficiently ^{prolonged} later-
ally so that it does not change the latitude of the Stone guide
enough tis however a decided improvement & if we may
judge from one day's run

The little one as, so far, fat and healthy, at times
is very smart considering Charley is well & strong
& her children are well I am well Charles is well
but has rather a hard time to get along with all
his labours I have to be pretty busy Joseph ~~often~~
often has cold hands & feet in spite of my endeavours
to keep them warm there seems to have been a
change come over him in one respect, he spits a
frothy watery kind of stuff continually one would
think he had just been salivated. What is the cause?

If you have profitable employment I suppose you
ought to attend to it but if it should happen so that
you could be here a month or two after you have done
that job I shall be glad. I tell Joseph he'll spit him-
self all away he says it would take eight months
and if only half of him is bad perhaps he'll spit
that all away in 4 months & then begin to get
well — They talk some of calling the babe Joseph
Stevens what do you say to it?

I mended your cloth shoes all nicely so that they are
"most as good as new" so they are all ready for your wedding
nonsense! well! you need not read it

^{morning} 24 Joseph had the nose bleed to day — what cold weather and wind
we have had, the girls to my great disappointment are not
coming till last of next week

24 evening Saml arrived here this evening says Ann Bulks of going
right away to Westfield N.Y. is desir'd to take charge of Westfield academy
now how can we let her go I depended on her help but I will hope
you will be at home Joseph is very feeble — he sits up almost
as much as usual but it's difficult to keep his feet & hands
warm

Walter Joseph. This Mr.
Dec. 27, 1837

Mr. J. S. Metcalf

Bangor

Maine

Bangor Me. Dec. 29, 1837

I am being very busy in all these things & I am
wishing I could be making things for you
every day. I am going to go a shopping, I am
sorry again, but I wish that you knew I had never, never
courage enough to go and see a man when I am younger
but there is a necessity for it upon me now. I am not going to
but Lucy really does seem to be getting well tho' very slowly.
I am't talk of buying a lot and building a house
here — Eliab did not know where he should go but had letters
in abundance (of introduction) to many men in many
cities from Boston to N. Orleans. I feel anxious about
him. I wish he could have gone with you to N. Y. & about
3 or 4 weeks & then home again — He needs more knowledge
of Geography &c but he will be getting some on his way.
I am some afraid he'll be sick he should have gone earlier
or have waited till cool weather.

O how I wish you could be in good New England
I am so afraid you'll be sick away there, Do be
careful of your health. Do continue to write or ten
very often you don't know how thankful I feel that
you do write often. I wish Eliab was a better boy about
writing — Mother says I must direct this — Samuel

is eating his supper. I say we have written everything.

Uncle Natty talks of moving to Conn. on
account of his wife's health, How many years
would it take him to get away if he should really
undertake? It is just dark. Good night dear
brother. May our Father in Heaven watch over you.

Bangor Aug 1-1851.

Own dear Brother

It grieves & troubles us all to think that you have received no letters from any of us yet, when we have written so many times - and you so far, far away from us all. I have written to Springfield, Westfield, Chicago and Locust Hill. We have been wondering much why you did not write, for some time. Today Samuel found a letter at Brown's store, which Walter said had been there some days! We are very much afraid your health will suffer in that ill-climate. I am glad you are not obliged to labor hard.

All our letters have been running over with cautions about taking care of your health. Perhaps it is needless for me to add anything more. I have written you a great amount of news in all my letters - though I have most forgotten what it all was. Mr. Hartwell died two or three weeks since. Col. Lee has gone to Ind. He is very feeble - we could but fear he would not live to come home. Mary Tower is teaching school at Fair Village, and Lucinda at the corner. Two very big fires here since you went away - one swept almost the whole row of Marlow and Exchange streets from the Universalist Church to the square - a very high wind. The other burnt several stores on the corner of Exchange St. right hand, as you turn - The bridge to Brown's store. These Moak Low, Mearns Street and they are propounded for admission to the

Samuel is very busy in usual. He will write next time. I guess good bye.

I think. The new liquor law makes it more difficult to get
 as well as other places. In this respect, it is said, it is
 only \$100. per week, it is said. Eliak wrote to you as
 soon as we rec'd your letter telling us to direct to Forest
 Hill, requesting you to write to him at Thompson's last visit
 here. He intended to wait for an answer. He left here a
 week ago last Monday, and we have not heard from him
 for him or for Tom since we reached home. We
 feel very anxious to hear from you again but your de-
 arrival should have returned again. I wrote you
 a stamp this morning. A young man died there
 day before yesterday near the Groby Co. The reason
 for his death were very sad. He was a very
 fine fellow, 22 years old - had been at California for
 a half year - on his way home to the States (they call it)
 stopped at the Adams house in New York. He
 was with a hard earned gold. He washed
 and died in four days. His father has hundred miles
 away in the woods, suffering, and they don't know where
 to send for him. If you could get all the letters we have
 written, you would know even that. That was the first
 since you went away, but I cannot remember it with
 it now. Mr. Tibbitts is here now - boards here - since his
 arrival. Now for my health - In my last letter,
 wrote in high glee about it - I was gaining very fast.
 But during the hot weather that followed I melted down
 and lost my strength in a measure. It is now cool,
 and I think I am gaining again. My hair has en-
 vied up since three weeks ago. Then I went out round the
 house twice - now I get about the house in my seat
 comfortably. So be very careful & write very often. My love to

Mother Bangor Maine

Sept. 1851

Jonesboro Oct 1851
My Dear Son

Bangor Sept 6th 1851

Eliab got home to our great joy Tuesday Sept 2nd) his health is better than when he went away. He seems to have enjoy'd his journey, Spent a little less than 200⁰ probably got his money worth for keeps more in health, knowledge pleasure &c. with a little sprinkling ^{of fatigue} I should think he was in along by way of variety — But he must write you all about that — Lucy & Sam'l are gone down river in pursuit of health you will probably have a letter from her before you get this telling you all about her health. Sam'l late sickness &c. He was never sick a day before — we have you know (at least I have) look'd upon his prospects in regard to health, Happiness and the ability to obtain a large share of the "good fruits" as being very bright & promising — a good share of Happiness there is no doubt about he has it within himself — His labor & anxiety have been quite to hard this summer — His Mill does not prove so profitable as he expected, his interest in navigation don't bring him in much — I guess — But however it will all come out right.

O if Lucy could only have her health. — I can perceive that on the whole she has gain'd some since you went away she walks round the house from room ^{to room} &c. generally by holding on to something — Dr's Rich & M. C. now seem to think there is a tendency to Paralysis, and that it may be Constitutional but I don't really believe it.

I know as little I suppose about the things at Milo
as you do - I have had letters from there but once
since I came away & then in consequence of teasing
and scolding them - I have written home frequently.
I know not much of the crops on the Farm except that
Charles wrote that the Winter Wheat look'd nicely better
than he expected - till a few days before, the rust had
taken it & he was ^{afraid} it would not be good for much - the
season has been very cold - colder than for many years
before there can be very little corn unless the very
last few weeks of fine weather (but dry) has brought it
forward, probably it has very much, & if the frost holds
off late there may be some - I think I shall go home
in a few weeks, I want very much to see the children
and know how they all get along there

How long do you expect to stay where you are or on
that road - I think you ought not to be backward about
taking all the pay they'll possibly allow you - for I am
sure I should want at least one thousand dollars a year
more for doing the same service ^{there} than in some con-
venient places in N. E. Health, Society, Religious Privileges,
&c all considered. - Eliab says he is well but he don't really
seem to me like a well man. I guess he is determined to stay at
Browns as long as he lives which I fear won't be many years
if he does - How much healthier & happier he might be on a
small little Farm with a disposition to enjoy it - & a good discreet
wife, help meet for him
warm weather today (Sept 7th) as any we have had this summer
& very dry & dusty it is likely to cause the City Dissenting and
similar complaints

Mother, Lucy & Samuel Bangor Maine

Sept. 25 1851

Mr. Hawkins Oct. 15

Backe via Concord, Oct. 27. 1851

Bangor 20 Sept '51

My dear Mother,

Your letter of 10/17 I recd /
I think we have learned your present
situation as to your mind - But what a long way off it
is. Are you really contented there or only make be-
lieve. It seems to me that the idea of making money
is all that can reconcile you to staying away all
these "1000 miles" out of the world. I suppose I might
write and would be near to you if I knew how.

Friend Martin [your uncle's father] has been here has fourth
wife - is ^{with a girl} ~~very~~ ^{very} kind & attentive to Saml when he was sick & offered his ser-
vices in various ways gives us apples & presents &c

The Fra Walker place at New Concord has been placed
~~to collect for 2600 \$~~ for 2600 \$ to collect Emerson
was sold at auction yesterday, his son that Asa & his
wife & children are going to California. A great many
of the smartest men ^{all} about he is now going to California
they say Wm. Everett, Wm. Mitchell, & son, Henry Fox, & son, Henry
Henry Thompson, & I don't know how many more men with.

We want to send you, News paper but we don't know whether it
would be expedient so early for every chance you know. If you can
get the News you want any easier way we will send, Saml takes
the New York Independent only - you don't get most of the N. Y.
news so you not - The great N. Y. public celebrating the
Marriage of the Princess, & the Ocean in Boston &c

said more people together than ever before in Boston
The President Fillmore & Suit Gov. Elgen &c &c more than
50 thousand strangers— There was a smart little Horti-
cultural exhibition this week at the city Hall— Premiums
awarded for the first time— Sam'l has got so well as that
he has gone into the Mill this week but does not work
much, Lucy seems well all but her walking sticks, and
she has the use of them so far that she walks about the house
but she can't get up stairs, or dance, or make a curtsy, or
anything but just slide her feet along without suffering
the penalty the back ache, had a letter from home a
while ago Charles was writing to you & to send you a letter
directed to you at Milo from Alfred Holman, Alfred is dis-
contented where he is with Mr. Furber father says he sees green
I thought you could have him with you perhaps if you want him.

If your Money was here Eliab could invest it to good advan-
tage I guess— I heard him say that Frank got 5 percent a
month "Share" on a note. — Eliab has just been here say-
ing he don't get but 6 percent for his money. I have just been down
to Main Street with Eliab to have my likeness taken. Artist not
there so came back without. I have just received a good
long letter from Ann in which she laments your far off
out of the world, unhealthy, & exposed situation, says "Perhaps
he will continue there some years, and that he cannot be
deprived of either home or opportunity of mingling with
& making one of an enlightened community without
becoming changed somewhat from 'Our Isaac'.

Some of her letter was in a thoughtful strain, not to say sad, she

feels herself a stranger alone & lonely says she has a
contented and thankful heart, but does want to be remem-
bered, to have a place left for her in all our hearts to which
she can turn when she has performed her mission &c &c

I've just had a present, a much valued one, The "Evening of
Life" by Jeremiah Chaplin

Sept 26th Lucy says I must write some to Isaac this
morning. I think from your representations
that you are in a good place. If I care when
there is room for a man to grow to expand
to become all that he has a desire and willingness
to become. for I take it that one must labor
to attain to any desired end, and if there
is room and opportunity then go to work.
now it seems to me that you ^{have} this room and
opportunity where you are, but you of course
can judge best. There is nothing of particular
interest here now. boys steal plums and are
prosecuted men sell & run and ^{are} fined \$20,
and costs and what run is found on their
premises is taken to ^{pay} the debt and Oh how
how dusty. it seems as though it never was today before
as this fall. The fire has been ~~raging~~ ^{raging} in the woods
from here to Mackias terribly. There has never before
been such a rush for California as now everybody
seems to be off for the land of gold.

J. W. Furber

*Mr. Hawkins Bldg.
Oct - 16th*

Frid 3

Nov 27

*Back in France
Jan. 26*

Author's L.

A. J. Theat. Nov. 27

*The Great Theatre
of the City of London*

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when Eliab was here he & Charles & I will the power of the money
is most of it new money I wish you had some of it - to take care of your health money
is nothing but a compound to it - he not hesitates to try for money of your health for it is

Wilo 26th Oct 1851

My own Dear, far away Son. I am hoping and
expecting to have a letter from you by tomor-
row's Mail - If it informs me that you are
well at the time of writing it. Still you
are so far away that I cannot but fear that
at the moment I am reading you may be
exceedingly sick and troubled. I have no
means of knowing it for two full weeks or more
you will only laugh at me I suppose when I
tell you that a ^{mere} dream I had last night aroused
my apprehensions for your health & safety - But
~~I believe~~ I am not naturally Superstitious I believe
& it will soon pass away - I do not worry about you
as you & Eliza say sometimes. But I must be permit-
ted to think of you - you could hardly wish me ~~not~~
not to. And O what inestimable blessing and
comfort there is in the thought that God is your
friend, your covenant God, at all times a ready help,
and whatever he orders, sickness or health, live or
death all will be right and best

Charles Albina & Charlie, with Eliza & Anne as
family are gone to meeting except Lizzie who stays
at home to watch the cows & keep her from the corn
in C's field above the house which would have been
in the barn ere now but there was not room by

season of Hay Oats Buck wheat &c — Jane & I stay at home to keep house & take care of little Joseph who is a nice smart boy just beginning to run alone, a better sooner boy than Charlie except that his eyes are not so bright & pretty. They are about to build two meeting houses in this town — the Universalists one and the Baptist, one is expected that both will be raised this fall and the outsiders finished perhaps.

Charles thinks he shall have 50 bushels of Buck wheat has the other 15 bushels & we are eating it in the form of hot fritters. — Had a letter from Lucy yesterday she is really getting better — gets up & down stairs & all about the house

30 We had letters from Eliab & Lucy last night and what rejoiced us more than those, was we had one from you directed to Charles written Oct. 9th —

& I infer from Eliab's letter they have had one from you of later date. Eliab is boarding at Lucy's — ~~Lucy's~~ ^{Lucy's} he says, I think it will be good for his health to follow that calling for some little time at least. Lucy really seems to be getting well — But you have later intelligence from them, than I can write I presume — I rather expect to go back to Bangor in a few weeks to spend the winter on a considerable part of it.

We do all feel anxious about your health but we dare not advise you to come home now when the cold weather is increasing lest it should affect your health even more unfavorably.

than staying there. I hope you are doing a great amount of good there which will be some compensation for the privations vexations and disagreeables & perplexities & all sorts of bad feelings that you must have

31st It has been raining all this week. has ruined very hard most of the time for the last 48 hours and grows down still. The water will be very high & carry off what fence there is on the Interval.

The Tribune is this week almost half fill'd with Women's Rights Convention. What will it all amount to, will they prevail—and enable the "weaker vessel" to become the Stronger—& throw the "Lords of Creation" into the back ground & make them "tend the babies &c." I could wish that they might bring about some reforms. One should be to break the iron rule of Fashion with which our City dressmakers sway & govern completely even our most sensible and well informed females & very few are aware of the entire absolute despotism to which they tamely, & withingly submit they may not act ^{but} in accordance with their dictates of fashion, in regard to the color of a ribbon even, ~~if~~

Please tell me whether you have letters from Antoinette frequently or if you have got so far away that you break off all unimportant correspondence or perhaps she has discarded you entirely—but I don't suppose I can know any thing about it by you, shall I write to her & find out. Well I have written nonsense enough for once
God be with you my son

Mother & Nilo M.

Nov. 24

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March 27th 1852

My very Dear Son

I am sixty five years old the first of this month, & how like a dream it does seem to me only think of it almost seventy years spent & to how little purpose, when I look back I can not find enough of good to be worth counting or reckoning any way, but I can see enough that calls for the earnest prayer for mercy & forgiveness and that the evil of my example of unfaithfulness and short coming ~~and~~ neglect of duty may be averted from my children

I feel disappointed at not seeing you this Spring but comfort myself with the prospect of your being here the longer in the summer

It is so long since I have seen you & then you think of going away back there again & if you do I shall never see you much in this world - But that is of very little consequence if we may but all meet before the mercy seat in Heaven no more to part

When I recollect that I lost one of the best of Mothers at 6 years ^{old} then was a neglected lacquey in the family of my aunt ^{most of the time} for 5 years then with an illiberal violent temper'd Step mother the petted, indulged only Daughter of a minister who had been previous by marriage into a low Irish family wholly against the will of her Parents & brother and the many misdeeds through

which I passed even in child hood I feel the goodness of God in giving me a devotedly pious Father

From 16 to 18 I was in the then Province of Maine about "here & there" some of the time teaching school but mostly in the family of my sister — At 20 was married and was as happy with my husband & babies for $4\frac{1}{2}$ years as any one could be with an unrenewed heart & all thoughts & care centered upon this world — Then the inexpressible loneliness trials & perplexities of widowhood rendered doubly poignant by youth inexperience & ignorance of every thing I ought to know — But it was God who did it to bring me to to myself, or in other words to draw me to himself — ~~But~~ and tho' I have been all ^{the} way stupid wayward unfaithful & sinning he has been manifesting his goodness to me.

And when your dear Father was snatched so suddenly away & I left with my four infant children among strangers like a slender reed in a stormy wind what could I have done without a God to go to — to rest upon & still He was my stay my Covenanted God notwithstanding that I (wickedly perhaps) by moving to Wile deprived myself of the ordinances & privileges of religion and became so ^{unfaithful & worldly minded.} I was it not his chastening hand that left me

to myself & tho' not to absolute want & poverty yet very very great poverty of comforts & conveniences of life so much as to dishearten & put down and make a body appear quite a different person from what they would in different circumstances ^{all this} in addition to very hard labor without firm health & spirits to sustain it

but in all this way in which I have been led I can plainly see the goodness of God it has been all mercy, riches of mercy & Oh how unmerited — & how he has blessed me in my children — what a blessing and honour to have such a son as Joseph to give back to my heavenly Father — an earnest of future blessedness

4 Apr. 1831 I don't know how I come to scratch down all this stuff ~~all~~ about my foolish old self some sentences just begun others not finished — If I did not feel ^{& incapable} too lazy to write a decent letter I would burn this but if I ~~can~~ conclude to let you have it, you will please do it for me

you will have it that mother worries — We perhaps I will conclude not to write any more nor say any thing about you & then if I do worry it can't worry you

But I do not — ~~Let~~ God grant that I may not be deceived I think that my heart is fix'd — trusting in God

I have no trouble, vexation, or sadness from any or all other sources compar'd with that of my sinful heart It is possible I may be mistaken but I think I have a deep, constant, content whatever my appearance may be — Can I have received so much good from the hand of God & shall I not take patiently & thankfully even joyfully receive whatever he orders I have been a remarkable Monument of his goodness because while I have been exceedingly & provokingly sinful nayward a foolish He has followed me all the way along with the blessing of his mercies & goodness & Christ appears no more so precious to me as if all created being & thing could never separate me from him

but notwithstanding I frequently shed tears & can't well
help it especially if I get much fatigued - partly I
suppose because I am getting chirkish from age and
partly because I do see more of my bad heart as I
grow older and have less care about other things
but if that can be call'd Grief it is "joy in Grief",

Mary Turner we suppose does not get a school here this term - I hope she will keep in Mills report says that her match with a Mr. Sornbody I've forgot his name is broken off -

Lucy A Seabers has improv'd is going to make
a pretty nice girl - I beg you will not worry about her
board I guess they won't think it a hardship to board
her here especially as she is able and does help & at any
rate while I stay and cook her board

Sam'l has a pretty good faculty for putting money in his purse & nothing to take it out again when needed his earnings or profits of Mill—

Scalping & Lumber will probably be for the year
\$2000 or more - he expects to get about 800, this
winter for Scalping is buying hard wood lumber
which he thinks will be a good profit - his family
expenses are considerable - but I think it not very
unlikely that his whole gains from may last to -
may next should be some hundred, after 2000\$

well he is a new good fellow he deserves

in haste Ave M & N

Mathew Price, Esq.
London W.C. 24. 1832